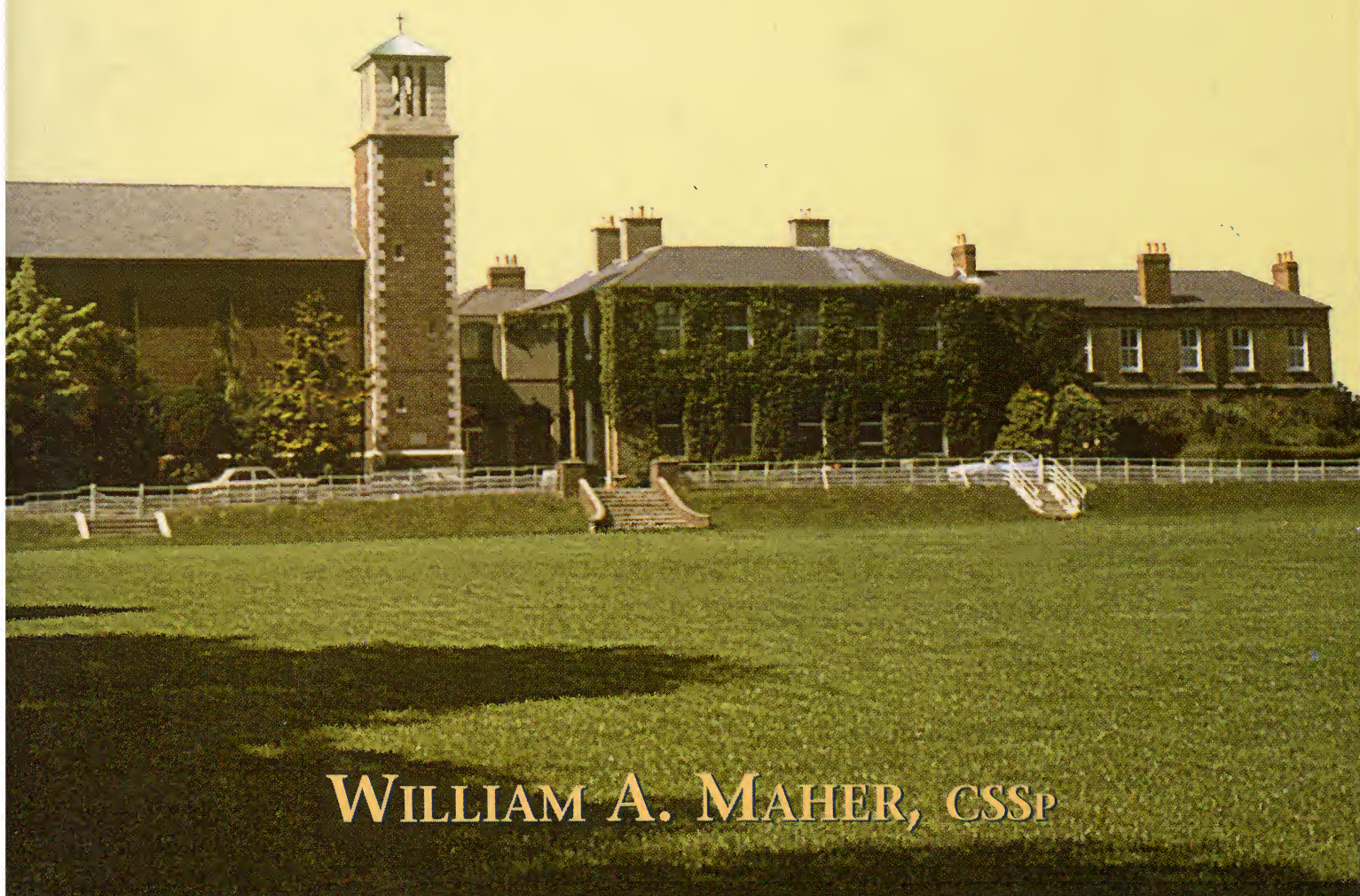


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The Arms of the College



HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

On the Sinister base, on a ground Azure, a five point star, Argent, with emanating rays, Or. On the upper Sinister, a Cross, or; on a ground Argent. On the Dexter chief, the Dove of the Holy Ghost, Argent, descending rays, Or, ground Azure. On the Dexter base, Heart Gules; sword Proper; wreath, Or, ground Argent.

Shield: Quarterings Or; Scroll outline Or, with ground Argent. Lettering Gules. Entire shield of Escutcheon Or.

SYMBOLISM

The Escutcheon is quartered. On the left base there is the unchangeable five point silver star with golden rays, symbolic of fidelity to its purpose of shedding light and guidance in the pursuit of Him Who enlightens every man and Who is the "Bright and Morning Star". (Apoc XXII.16).

The upper left bears the Cross, the emblem of trials and difficulties. It is in gold on a silver ground, symbolic of the precious outcome of trials well borne. These two symbols combine to produce the College motto: "Fidelitas in Arduis" (Fidelity in Difficulties).

On the upper right quarter there is the Dove in silver, symbolic of the Holy Ghost, from which descend seven golden rays, the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, essential in the practice of "Fidelitas in Arduis".

The right base bears a red heart transfixt with a sword and encircled with golden roses. This is symbolic of the Holy Heart of Mary, suffering – the supreme purely human type of "Fidelitas in Arduis". The golden roses symbolise the reward that come from such fidelity.

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Dedication



Tutela Domus
Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

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Foreword

THIS ACCOUNT of the first 100 years of St Mary's College is intended primarily for present and past pupils of the College, their families and friends, and only secondarily for the general public who may be interested. And this has dictated the form which it has taken. After the preliminary chapters dealing with the origin and beginnings of the College, every chapter recounts a period of history during a particular Presidency, which generally covered six years, with a few exceptions. Anyone wishing to recall his own time in the College, has merely to turn to the chapter dealing with the years of the one who was President during his time in school. A boy who spent 9 or 10 years from Junior 2 to 6th Year, might find his time covered by two or three Presidents. But no matter the period chosen, the author has endeavoured to recount the salient happenings of that period, the staff, physical development of the school, academic, cultural and sporting achievements, and the activities of the Past Pupils Union and its affiliated societies.

In 1916, when the College closed for ten years, it was not thought that it would ever re-open. Records were lost and, regrettably, even burnt as of no further interest. A full chapter has been devoted to some of the personalities of that era, now all dead. A similar recounting for the post-closure era would have run into many volumes. An Appendix containing the name of every boy registered in the school from the day it opened more than 100 years ago, is intended to make some amends for this deficiency.

William Maher, CSSp.

Prologue

ON THE AFTERNOON OF September 28, 1989, the citizens of the Rathmines suburb of the City of Dublin were surprised at the sight of a motorcade, with Garda escort, sweeping across Portobello Bridge and pulling in to the forecourt of the Parish Church of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. From the flag-decked limousine stepped the President of the Irish Republic, His Excellency, Dr Patrick Hillery, who was met by Fr Martin Maiben CSSp, and led into the crowded Church, filled to capacity with students, parents, past students, friends and well-wishers of St Mary's College. It was the opening of the celebrations for the 100th year of the school's existence.

The President's arrival was quickly followed by that of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Honorable Sean Haughey, met by Fr Daniel Curtin CSSp, and Mrs Mary O'Rourke, Minister for Education, met by Fr Cyril Byrne CSSp.

As soon as the dignitaries were seated, the more than 100 concelebrating priests, followed by the Chief Celebrant, His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Desmond Connell, accompanied by Archbishop Thomas Brosnahan CSSp, proceeded from the sacristy to the main door of the church and up the centre aisle to the main altar which had been beautifully decorated by a group of parents under the direction of Mrs Carmel Condren, with banks of flowers, the specially woven 5' x 5' tapestry depicting the College Coat-of-Arms acting as a back-drop. This was the work of one of the parents, Mr J. Field, and it was commissioned by the Past Pupils Union. It graced all the centenary celebrations throughout the year and now hangs in a place of honour in the College Hall. Flanking the two archbishops



His Excellency, Dr. Hillery, President of Ireland, being greeted by Rev. Martin Maiben, CSSp, on his arrival at Rathmines Parish Church for the Mass inaugurating the Centenary celebrations.



The Offertory Gifts at the Centenary Mass



Fr. H. O'Reilly, Fr. A. Burke, PP, Fr. W. Nugent, Archbishop Desmond Connell, Archbishop Brosnahan, Fr. B. McLaughlin, Fr. J. Hurley.

at the altar were past pupil Very Rev. Brian McLaughlin, Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Aidan Burke, PP, Rathmines, Very Rev. Fr. Hugh O'Reilly CSSp, President of St Mary's, and two former Presidents of the College, Frs James Hurley CSSp and William Nugent CSSp.

The opening hymn was sung by the College Choir, augmented for the occasion by 5th and 6th Forms from the Junior School, under the baton of Fr Peter Raftery, Fr Aloysius Flood accompanying on the organ.

Archbishop Connell began the Mass with words of welcome to all present and of explanation of the importance of the occasion. The readings were done by Mrs Una Wall and Mr James Kirby, teachers in the school. The Gospel was read by Fr Jerome Godfrey CSSp; the homily given by Fr William Maher CSSp; the Prayers of the Faithful were read by students, past students, teachers and parents.

Fr Patrick Reedy gave a commentary during the Offertory Procession on the significance of the gifts which were brought to the altar by students, past students, teachers and parents. Included were the silver casket containing the petition and signatures of the prestigious clergy and lay people who called for the re-opening of the College in 1926 after a ten-year closure; a globe to signify the worldwide stage of activity of the past students, as well as of the Holy Ghost Fathers; one of the first academic medals awarded in the school; a football trophy and violin to signify the extra-curricular activity in sport and the arts in the school; The Bread and Wine were brought by Mr and Mrs J. Barry, who have four boys in the school.

After the Mass, the congregation made its way across to the College where a dais had been erected in the quadrangle. After light refreshments in the community parlour, the President, Dr Hillery, and the Lord Mayor, departed while the Archbishop and the Minister for Education joined the Provincial Superior, Fr Brian McLaughlin; the College President, Fr Hugh O'Reilly; Assistant Superior and Dean of the Junior School, Fr Sean



Past President of the Union, Dermot Smyth, reading one of the Prayers of the Faithful, while students, teachers and parents await their turn.



Archbishop Desmond Connell blessing the new Senior School Extension, accompanied by Prof. MacCormac, Mr. Frank Conlon and Fr. Sean O'Shaughnessy.

O'Shaughnessy; the College Principal, Mr Frank Conlon; Vice-Principal, Pól Uasal Mac Murchú; President of the Centenary Committee, Prof. Michael MacCormac; President of the Past Pupils Union, Mr Frank Dowling, and Mr Hugo Duffy, architect in charge of the Senior School extension, on the dais for the Blessing and Official Opening of the new extension. The Archbishop addressed the assembled guests and students as follows:

Before I pronounce the blessing, I would like now again, very briefly to refer to the importance of this day. Everything before me speaks of the future. We have just given thanks for the past in our Mass and now I see the future in the building that I am just about to bless because it speaks to me of the expansion of this school.

The young faces I see around me, speak to me of the future. How important is our future! The young people bear that future in their hands and it is our responsibility to enable them to advance to a glorious future for the Church and for the society which they are to help build up.

I want to express my deep appreciation in the presence of Fr Provincial to the Holy Ghost Fathers for the great work they are doing on behalf of the Diocese in so many different ways.

Only very recently another parish has been undertaken by the Holy



His Excellency, The Lord Mayor, Mr. S. Haughey, Fr. D. Curtin, Fr. C. Byrne, The Hon. Mrs. O'Rourke, TD, Minister for Education, Archbishop Desmond Connell.



Rev. B. McLaughlin, Dr. Patrick Hillery, Mr. F. Dowling (Union President), Mrs. O'Rourke, TD, Pól Uasal Ó Murchú, Vice-Principal.



*Unveiling The Plaque
Mrs. O'Rourke, TD, Minister for Education, Pól Ó Murchú,
Frank Conlon, Principal, Fr. H. O'Reilly.*



*Shane Lowry, School Vice-Captain, Mrs. M. O'Rourke, TD,
Dr. Desmond Connell, Colman McMahon, School Captain.*

Ghost Fathers. There is a great diversity of work in which the Holy Ghost Fathers are assisting me, but I value the work that they are doing in the schools more than any work that they are doing on my behalf. And I value the work that is being done by the individual Holy Ghost Father in the classroom. Because it is there that the young people will learn for the future, not just the secular subjects that they are being taught, but they will learn something of the spirit of the Church which is given to them in the catholic education that you offer so wonderfully here.

As I pronounce the blessing upon their new building, I have confidence in the future. I look forward to what this school will contribute to the work and the growth of the Catholic life of this diocese in the future. I look forward with confidence because I am calling upon this school the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and I am calling upon Him through the intercession of Mary who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

All praise to God our Father, Lord of all creation. He has called us to share in the work of educating our children. With His help, we try to prepare them for life. We give them a share in the wisdom and the skills of those who have gone before us. We help them to see the world and their lives through the eyes of God. We want them to have the mind of Christ, Who is the wisdom and knowledge of God made man.

Bless this extension which we place under the patronage of Mary,
our Mother.

Bless the teachers and parents and all who work here.

Bless the students who will study here.

May the peace and happiness of Christ accompany their efforts to be good citizens of our country and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

May this school always be a home of truth, of wisdom, of faith and of good will towards all.

May all of us who are united in prayer for the good of this school be reunited in the glory of Your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



What follows in the rest of this book is an attempt to portray in some way how St Mary's College has already fulfilled for one hundred years the hopes that the Archbishop of Dublin was holding out for it in 1990.

Chapter One

The Holy Ghost Fathers

IT ALL BEGAN in 1703 with a young man in Paris studying for the priesthood rather against his parents' wishes. He was Claude Poullart des Places, the only son of a well-to-do lawyer-administrator-businessman of Rennes, the provincial capital of Brittany. Claude had a brilliant academic career in secondary school with the Jesuits and at the provincial university at Nantes before going on to what his parents expected would be greater things in Paris. It was accepted that he would follow in his father's footsteps in the courts and in commerce. However, a retreat he made in Paris completely changed his outlook on life and lifestyle and he decided to become a priest.

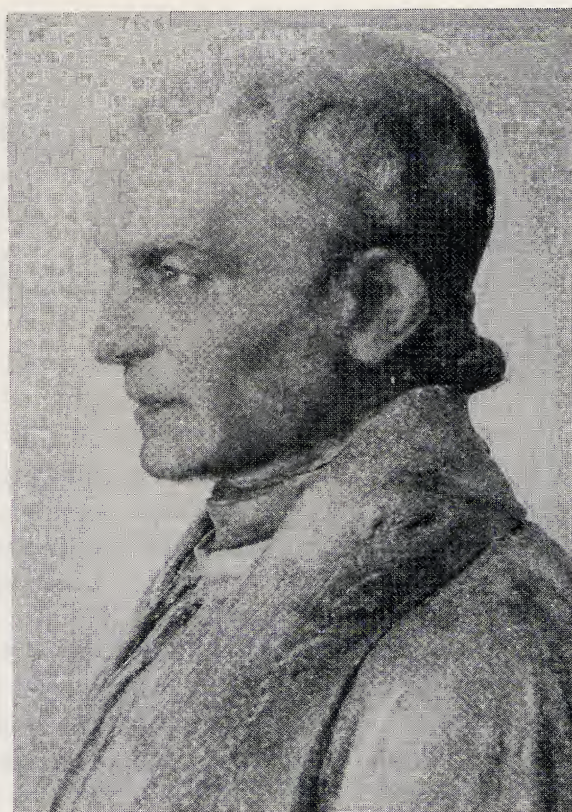
With his new outlook on life, it quickly came to his notice that there were numerous poverty-stricken students in Paris anxious to become priests but unable to do so because they could not afford the university fees. Encouraged by a few like-minded seminarians, Claude started a seminary dedicated to the Holy Ghost which would take as its main work the priestly education of these poor seminarians, who would then go to the various French rural dioceses whose bishops were crying out for priests. Four years later, in 1707, Claude himself was ordained on December 17, and less than two years after that, on October 2, 1709, God called him home. Humanly speaking the fledgling congregation he had founded should have died then. That it not only survived, but grew to be the force it is today as an international missionary institute, is not only a tribute to the genius of its founder, but a sure indication that it is God's work.

For nearly one hundred years it flourished, broadening its scope to provide clergy for the ever-spreading French colonies and gaining an enviable reputation for both its members and the priests it trained, but like all other religious orders in France, it was decimated by the events that followed the Revolution of 1789. It was very near to extinction when it merged with a young missionary society called the Society of the Holy Heart of Mary, founded by a convert jew, Francis Mary Paul Libermann in 1841. This Society had as its aim the conversion of the black race, particularly in Africa.

Libermann had been destined by his father, the Rabbi of Saverne in Alsace, to follow in his footsteps, just as des Places' father had done before him, but suffered even greater disappointment when his son not only gave up the study of the Talmud, but became a Christian on Christmas Eve, 1826. We can guess the anguish of Rabbi Libermann as he watched his four sons, one by one, become Catholics. Francis decided to become a priest and entered the famous Seminary of St Sulpice in Paris. But after Minor Orders his studies were interrupted by epilepsy. He was allowed to stay on in St Sulpice where he had enormous influence over the students, and gained a reputation as a saintly spiritual director. Then for two years he was assistant novice master for the Eudists before going to Rome to obtain permission to found a missionary society to minister to the spiritual welfare of the 'blacks' recently freed from slavery in the various colonies. He obtained the permission on condition he could find a bishop willing to ordain him. The Bishop



Claude Poullart des Places



Francis Mary Paul Libermann

of Strasbourg did so on September 18, 1841. Nine days later, Libermann opened the first house of his new Society, a novitiate in Amiens.

From the beginning there was no shortage of vocations to the new Society, mainly because of Libermann's reputation, but they were short on missionary traditions and standing with the civil authorities. The merger with the Holy Ghost Congregation solved both these problems. The Holy Ghost Congregation's standing with the French could not have been higher because of the work done in the colonies, while it had over one hundred years' experience of missionary work. What it lacked, Libermann's Society provided – wise, dynamic leadership and personnel. Libermann provided the leadership as the first Superior General of the merged societies, which was now called officially the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, under protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but more commonly, the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Not unlike Claude des Places, Libermann did not live long after the culmination of his work. Less than four years after the merger, and twelve years after the founding of his own society, he died on February 2, 1852. The Cause for his Beatification was begun in 1868. His epilepsy was a problem, but in 1886 his writings were declared free from error and in 1910 he was declared Venerable. We still await the culmination of the process.

THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS IN IRELAND

As early as 1842, the Venerable Libermann seriously considered founding a house in Ireland, having in mind the English-speaking colonies of Africa. However, that year he met Fr John Hand who had come to France to study seminary methods before starting All Hallows, Dublin, his projected seminary for the training of young Irishmen for the countries to which so many of their fellow-countrymen had emigrated – America,

Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. In deference to Fr Hand, Libermann postponed his own efforts in Ireland until All Hallows got underway.

On October 28, 1859, the Holy Ghost Fathers landed in Ireland in search of vocations. The plan was to start a project similar to that of Fr Hand in All Hallows, where young men who had completed their secondary schooling would be accepted for the priesthood and receive training in the ecclesiastical sciences before their ordination.

The first house acquired was in Blanchardstown, north-west of Dublin, which some years previously had been used as a secondary school or juniorate by Fr Joseph Dean of the Dublin Diocese, and more recently by the Carmelite nuns, before they transferred to Hampton, Drumcondra, where they still flourish. The pioneering priests were: Fr Jules Leman, Superior; Fr Jerome Schwindenhammer, brother of the then Superior General; and Fr Louis Holley, the only one with any real knowledge of English or experience of Ireland. The previous June he had been sent to reconnoître and find a suitable house for the project. He had an introduction to Fr Bennett, O.Carm. of Whitefriar St, who kindly acted as guide and mentor and told him of the house in Blanchardstown which had just been recently vacated by the Carmelites. Fr Holley proceeded to lease the house.

When the three landed in Kingstown, as Dun Laoghaire was then called, they were dressed in unaccustomed black suits, made by the seminary tailor in France who had never before made a suit. When Fr Holley had travelled previously, he had been dressed in black ankle-length cassock and a wide-brimmed shovel-hat, as were all the clergy in France, and found himself followed in London by jeering children. It rather turned him against the English for life, and he was determined it would never happen again. His black suit, however, was no great improvement.

The first port-of-call was Whitefriar St to pay their respects and thank Fr Bennett for his kindness. They were received warmly and invited to breakfast, their first in Ireland. They then proceeded to Blanchardstown where they were met by the parish priest, Fr Dungan, and his curate, Fr Leonard, who invited them in for the inevitable cup of tea, and to breakfast the following morning.

They were delighted with their reception everywhere and were pleased with the number of applicants who were already lined up for them. However, they were not so pleased with their academic quality. In fact, by December Fr Leman was writing to the Mother House in

*First Holy
Ghost Fathers'
residence in
Ireland, 1859*

(S. Farragher)



Paris suggesting a change of plan. He had found that there was little hope of finding among the seminarians around the country who had completed or nearly completed their priestly studies, any who would be prepared to sacrifice the secure positions they had already obtained from bishops at home and abroad, where they would be working mainly with their own people in their own language, for an uncertain future on the missions, where they would be working with an alien people in an alien tongue. To instil such a missionary spirit in young men, they would have to be taken in at an earlier age, particularly when their families looked to them to improve their economic circumstances in the wake of the devastating series of famines.

They also found that the academic standard of those who had completed their classical or secondary studies was below par. Consequently, he argued, they would be more usefully employed in training the young aspirants as the nucleus of a secondary school they would establish elsewhere the following year. Neither the buildings nor the grounds at Blanchardstown were suitable for a boarding school.

On receiving the green light from Paris, the search for a suitable premises began. Castle Dawson, a sizeable mansion in Williamstown, south county Dublin, on the road to Blackrock, which had been used previously as a boys' and a girls' school successively, was chosen and on July 6, 1860, Blackrock College (known for years afterwards as the French College, because of its origins) was founded.

Four years later, Rockwell College, Cashel, Co Tipperary, was founded. Like Blackrock, it comprised a boarding school and a juniorate for those aspiring to become Holy Ghost Fathers. And like Blackrock, it also quickly gained a reputation for both scholarship and games. In 1890, the Holy Ghost Fathers opened their first day-school in Ireland, St Mary's College, Rathmines, the subject of this book. In 1911, Kimmage Manor was bought as a Novitiate, and subsequently built upon as a senior scholasticate. It was



Fr Jules Leman, CSSp



Archbishop William Walsh

not until 1944 that the next school was founded, St Michael's, Ailesbury Road, Dublin, to be followed in 1966 by Templeogue College, another day-school, also in Dublin.

WHY ANOTHER SCHOOL?

Just who it was who had the bright idea of founding a private secondary school in the Rathmines area of south Dublin is not quite clear. It was something that interested the parish priest, Canon Fricker, very much. He had built a boys' primary school and a girls' primary school. The Loreto Sisters had opened a girls' secondary school in 4-5 Kenilworth Square. A secondary school for boys would crown his efforts to make the parish educationally self-sufficient.

It may have been the new archbishop, Dr William Walsh, who was appointed to succeed Cardinal McCabe in 1885. He went to Rome for his Consecration and interrupted his return journey with a visit to the Mother House of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Paris, where he sang his first Episcopal High Mass. It may have been at this visit that the notion was first aired.

The Holy Ghost Fathers themselves were thinking of establishing a day-school in the south Dublin area

Thinking that this enterprise could become a sort of nursery . . . for vocations. The Archbishop has been most favourably disposed towards the project. He saw it as a most useful work, which would benefit the Catholic population. Consequently, the General Council [of the Holy Ghost Fathers], in a decision dated 25 July 1887, gave its approval for the establishment of this work. However, the implementation of this decision was delayed by two factors – the lack of available personnel and the difficulty in obtaining a suitable site.

Bulletin Général, 1890

Thus ran a report published in the General Bulletin of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Paris in 1890. The lack of personnel mentioned in it arose largely from the fact that a college had been started in Ballarat, Australia in 1887, as well as parochial and apostolic works, and these had absorbed many English-speaking members who might otherwise have been chosen for the school in Dublin.

The decision of the General Council was coloured by the fact that a secondary school run by Fr John Egan of the Dublin Diocese and staffed largely by ex-prefects from Blackrock College, had just closed down after a short existence. The aforementioned report adds:

However, it soon became imperative to make a start. A former secondary school, operated by secular priests of the diocese, had closed. It was feared that another might open soon which would have a detrimental effect on our foundation at Blackrock. The Mother House resolved, therefore, by a decision of April 11, 1890, to initiate the proposed foundation without delay.

The secondary school in question was St Gall's Catholic University Day-school, established in 1879 in one of the houses belonging to the Catholic University, St Stephen's Green, South, by the Archbishop of Dublin, Cardinal McCabe. The school lasted for about seven years and then went out of existence for some unrecorded reason.

The authorities at Blackrock would appear to have felt some responsibility for this failure, because of the involvement of some ex-scholastics in the venture, although the

most likely cause of the failure may have been the lack of response from the neighbouring catholics, who were already well served by the Marist Fathers who had been in the area since 1867. Furthermore, many of the catholic families who would have been interested in secondary education for their sons were moving out of the city in the 1880s to the burgeoning suburbs of Rathmines and Rathgar. At any rate, founding a secondary school in the growing south city suburbs seemed to answer a number of needs – of the archbishop and the parish priest, of the Catholic population in the area, the consciences of the Holy Ghost Fathers, and of protecting Blackrock College.

The second factor mentioned as contributing to the delay in implementing the decision of July 1887 was the difficulty in finding a suitable site. As events proved, this was no great difficulty. As soon as the Mother House took the decision in April 1890 to begin the project without delay, Fr Jules Botrel, the Provincial Superior in Ireland, living at Blackrock College, set about the search for premises. The zeal of Canon Fricker narrowed it down to Rathmines.

RATHMINES PARISH

In 1823, the parish of St Nicholas Without the Walls, Francis St, extended south to the Dodder river. That was no great burden when the parish was erected in 1660, following on the Restoration of the Monarchy in the person of Charles II, which brought some relief to Catholics after the persecutions of Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I and Cromwell. They felt safe enough to spread outside the city walls of Dublin to the open spaces to the west and south. The population to the south of St Patrick's Cathedral was extremely sparse, at least until the Act of Union, 1800, when the departure of so many of the Ascendancy to the Parliament in London left large numbers of fine Georgian streets and squares tenantless, thus driving out the remaining owners to the suburbs. The growing freedom of catholics from the disabilities with which they had been shackled for centuries, culminating in Catholic Emancipation in 1829, had accelerated the appearance of a growing catholic middle-class desirous of getting away from the crowded conditions in the inner city to the area south of the canal. And as the suburbs spread outwards, the need to serve them spiritually called for the erection of new parishes. Thus it was that, in 1823, a new parish was carved out of the old St Nicholas, stretching from the South Circular Road (a largely unbuilt-on rural road at this time) to the Dodder. This new parish was known initially as the parish of St Mary and St Peter of Milltown and Harold's Cross. Chapels-of-ease had been built for St Nicholas in Harold's Cross (1798) and Milltown (1801), but the headquarters of the new parish were to be in Rathmines. The new parish priest, Canon William Stafford, formerly of Francis St and Lucan, rented temporary quarters, first in Portobello Place and then in Charlemont Mall, and said Mass there until the first church was built. In 1825 he leased two acres from the Earl of Meath at £30 per annum at the corner of Rathmines Road and Richmond Hill, and the following year, 1826, the Earl's son, Lord Brabazon, laid the foundation stone of the first church in Rathmines, which was completed in 1830 and dedicated by Archbishop Murray on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption. It was dedicated to Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. The famous JKL, Bishop Doyle, preached.

A boys' school was started above the sacristy and another in Harold's Cross. The Carmelite nuns who came to Ranelagh in 1788 from Loughrea (1730) via Arran Quay, Dublin, had a girls' school, as had the Poor Clares in Harold's Cross, who came in 1803 from Galway via North King St, Dublin (1717) and Dorset St (1756). A night school was begun in Milltown in 1840, catering for eighty to one hundred children, mainly working in the mills along the River Dodder. In 1843, the parochial house was completed beside the church, and in the following year the Carmelites came to Tranquilla Convent in Old

matters, providentially as it turned out, because his successor, Canon William Meagher, was a man of vision as well as energy and persuasion. He called a meeting for Pentecost Sunday, May 1st, 1849, and persuaded the people to back his plan for a completely new church. Well, almost. His plan to front the church on Richmond Hill, thus leaving the old one in use until the new was built, was rejected by the majority who wanted the new church on the site of the old and fronting on to Rathmines Road as before. And so it was decided. The new church was built round the old while it was still being used. On August 15, 1850, the foundation-stone was laid, and on June 19, 1856, the completed church was solemnly blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Cullen, in the presence of sixteen bishops and over two hundred clergy.

That same year, 1856, saw the arrival of the Passionists in Mount Argus, and in 1856 the Irish Sisters of Charity opened the first Asylum for the Blind in Portobello House, which was built in 1805 as a hotel for passengers travelling on the Grand Canal. They moved to their present location on Merrion Road in 1867. The Jesuits came in 1859 to the old Rathmines parish. They bought Milltown Park from Judge George, although it was then called Cold Blow Demesne, and the entrance was Cold Blow Lane, now Belmont Avenue. 1860 saw the laying of the foundation-stone of a new church on Rathgar Road, the church of the Three Patrons, as a chapel-of-ease to Rathmines. In 1863, St Paul's, Mount Argus was opened, although the church was not completed until 1878. In the following year, the Sisters of Charity opened the Hospice for the Dying in Harold's Cross, and moved their Generalate and Novitiate to St Anne's, Milltown. 1880 saw the addition of the imposing portico to the front of the church in Rathmines, and the erection of the statue of Our Lady on the apex of the tympanum. This statue, sculpted by James Farrell, had first been exhibited at the Great Exhibition held on Leinster Lawn in 1853 and bought by Fr Collier. The following year, 1881, Dean William Meagher died in December, to be succeeded by the Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Canon Fricker, in February 1882. At the same time, Canon Nicholas Donnelly, Administrator of Westland Row, was appointed parish priest of the newly erected Parish of the Three Patrons, Rathgar. The new boundaries of Rathmines Parish became the canal to the north instead of the South Circular Road, and on the south, a line through Leinster Road West, Effra Road, Grosvenor Place, Grosvenor Road, Upper Rathmines Road, Church Road, Dunville Avenue, Beechwood



Rathmines Road looking north, c.1890

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Avenue, Annville. The Loreto Sisters had opened their girls' school in Kenilworth Square as we have already mentioned. They transferred it to Charleville House in 1889, where they remained until they moved in 1912 to Foxrock, to be replaced by the St Louis Sisters who flourish there still. The coming of the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1890 with a secondary school for boys was the crowning of the efforts to provide Rathmines Township with every spiritual and educational service.

THE TOWNSHIP OF RATHMINES

The Rathmines area, covering roughly the districts of Rathmines, Rathgar, Ranelagh, Harold's Cross and Milltown, was the original extent of the Rathmines Parish. The area enters the annals of recorded history with a rather unsavoury incident, known as the Cullenswood Massacre. Cualann (Cullen in English) was the name given to the entire area south of the Dublin city walls and stretching into county Wicklow. It gave their names to such places as Bray (Brí Cualainn), Glencullen, Cullenswood, etc. In the 13th century, the area we call Ranelagh (a comparatively recent name given after the opening of the Ranelagh Pleasure Gardens towards the end of the 18th century, where the Carmelites later had their Convent for 150 years and is now once more a public park), was a pleasant open area with meadows and groves. The company of Bristol traders had been introduced into Dublin as colonists by the Anglo-Norman invaders after 1169, and they had the custom of going for picnics away from the dirt and crowded conditions inside the city walls on feastdays, particularly in summer. The Irish clans, who had been pushed farther and farther back into the Dublin hills and Wicklow mountains by successive waves of invaders from Scandania and Norman England, noticed these outings and that the Bristolers were usually unarmed and not expecting hostilities, so they arranged an ambush one Whit Sunday and there was great slaughter of men, women and children.

The next event to be recorded about Rathmines was the Battle of Rathmines, between Cromwell's forces under Col. Jones, and the Royalists under the Duke of Ormond, in 1649. The Royalists occupied the castles of Rathmines, Rathgar and Rathfarnham, while the Roundheads held Dublin. The Royalists decided to capture Baggotrath Castle (situated in or around Upper Mount St) to keep Jones hemmed in. However, they were anticipated by Jones who sent his cavalry to take the castle in the early hours of the morning, while the Royalists, who had set out the night before, were led astray by treacherous guides and did not reach the castle until it had been secured by the enemy. With Baggotrath at his back, Jones pressed home an attack against the demoralised Royalists who fled in confusion and were cut to pieces, including those who had held Rathmines and Rathgar castles and surrendered to a guarantee of safety. The fighting, or slaughter, took place between Palmerston Road and Ranelagh Road and the area became known as The Bloody Fields.

Rathmines sank back into the obscurity to which it was accustomed after this, and until the 19th century it consisted of a small village at the present junction of Rathmines and Rathgar Roads. The way to Rathgar and on to Roundtown (as Terenure was then known) was by Upper Rathmines and Highfield Road. The only other road to Rathgar was a laneway from Harold's Cross, which later became Rathgar Avenue. Rathgar Road itself was laid out in 1815 but had few houses on it until 1830. The Grand Canal, completed to St James's Harbour in 1759, was not extended to Ringsend until 1790. The great banking family of La Touche built the bridge which is known nowadays as Portobello Bridge, but was originally known as La Touche, and is still inscribed as such. This really opened up the south suburbs of Dublin. Portobello House was built in 1805 to accomodate Canal travellers, but until La Touche built his bridge, Mount Pleasant Avenue, then a narrow twisting lane, not more than a track, was the main route out of the City to the Dodder crossing at Milltown. The narrow bridge opposite Alexandra College and just



Rathmines Road looking south, c.1890

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west of the new bridge at Milltown, is the oldest bridge over the Dodder. But the La Touche Bridge and the Cavalry Barracks built along the canal in 1810 to accommodate the increased intake into the army during the Napoleonic Wars, with two entrances on Rathmines Road – one up Blackberry Lane for the ranks, and the other where Military Road is now – really opened up Rathmines as we know it. When the new parish leased its two acres from the Earl of Meath in 1825, there was just a handful of houses on the east side – just south of Richmond Hill, built by Mr Berry – and equally few on the west side: Lissenfield, between the two entrances to the barracks; Mount Anthony's; and the William's Park terrace of six houses. An 1840 description of Rathmines in W. T. Meyler's *St Catherine's Bells*, tells us:

The road from Portobello Bridge to Castlewood Avenue on the left hand side, was then fenced by an ugly ditch, and an occasional thorn-hedge, about the middle of which was a sentry-box for a night watchman, whose crooked pole was often carried off by the wild ones for a lark on finding him asleep, which with him was the general rule with rare exceptions . . . Through Castlewood Avenue – then a narrow lane . . . a high narrow path to Milltown, and returning, crossed into Cullenswood (now Oakley) Road, a rustic avenue with a turnstyle from the fields . . . At this period, it was a most lawless area, especially at night. Rathmines village started opposite Rathgar Road. The whole district was laid out in meadows and dairy fields. Leinster Road, then a part of Mowld's Farm, was built to Harold's Cross in 1840 by Frederick Jackson, about which period I became the lessee of some acres of building ground, pulled down the old farmhouse on the right hand side, and built two houses with stucco fronts. It is now all built on, as is nearly the entire district from the canal to the Dodder . . . built on in streets, squares, terraces, villas . . . all forming . . . a now important township of

Rathmines, having gas, water, paving, sewerage, and all the usual appliances of civilisation.

With Daniel O'Connell's election as the first catholic Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1841, the Corporation became increasingly nationalist, a fact that stiffened the resistance of the Unionist-tending suburbs to their incorporation into the city local government system. Rathmines became Dublin's first independent Township, with its own Local Government Council and Town Hall, whose clock-tower still dominates the area. To the end of the century it attracted developers and home-makers with its very low rates. The low rates were reflected in the abysmally low standard of service in public amenities. Apart from a few wells and the Swan river, canal water was the only drinking water available until the Bohernabreena Waterworks were completed in 1887. Roads, drainage and street-lighting were the worst in Dublin. The residents had to depend for years on the Dublin Fire Brigade.

Dublin's first gas-station was built in Pearse St (at that time called Gt Brunswick St) in 1824, and in the following year the streets were lit by gas. Electric light came in 1881, and in 1896 the electric trams replaced the horse-drawn variety, which had been a feature of Rathmines Road since the middle of the century, despite the disaster that occurred at Portobello Bridge in 1861, when six people were drowned in the canal. The horses lost their footing on the icy bridge and the tram toppled into the water. The lock-keeper had the idea that if he let the water into the lock, the tram would float and the people be saved. Instead, the vehicle overturned in the rush of water, trapping the passengers underneath.

One of the earliest reports from St Mary's to the Holy Ghost Mother House in Paris, describing the location of the college, reads:

The college itself, situated as it is on an attractive, slightly elevated site opposite the Parish Church, does not go unobserved by the passers-by . . . [It] is situated at a distance of about 130 metres from the main road, where, every two or three minutes, tram-cars ply between the city and suburbs.

CHOOSING A HOUSE

April 11, 1890, was the significant date on which the decision was made to begin the project of founding a day school in Dublin 'without delay'. That did not leave much time before the commencement of school in September, but fortunately, the Provincial Superior, Fr Botrel, a canny Breton, had not waited for the final decision before searching for a suitable house for the school. From the time of his appointment as Provincial the year before, he had been on the lookout for just such a premises in the area. He tells us in a letter dated February 13, 1890:

We are still searching for a good house in order to open the day-school in September. We have seen one that will be perfect. Unfortunately, it has been leased for three years. However, as the new owner has another house, it is possible, with a little extra money, he may yield to us.

This property was Larkhill, on the main Rathmines Road, opposite the Catholic Church. Larkhill was just one of the properties Fr Botrel had looked at in the vicinity. In April he wrote:

The day-school affair drags on, but we seem to have hope of a solution. We first tried two houses situated in the very populous area between Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar, but were not successful, the houses are no longer on

the market. There are left to us now: 1) St Bernard's, 2) Beverston, and 3) a property called Larkhill, opposite Rathmines Parish Church.

Of these three, we reject Beverston as too small and having only a thirteen year lease.

St Bernard's would be good as regards the grounds . . . but the house is old and we would have to build immediately for classrooms. Besides, there is another difficulty. The old man, Browne, the owner (or rather the lessee) keeps saying that he wants to sell but will not come up with an offer . . . he is not sure he has title to sell. In any case, time is pressing and we cannot wait. So now it rests with Larkhill.

All three properties are, or were, on the west side of Rathmines Road. St Bernard's occupied the site of the present St Louis National School, just beyond William's Park. Beverston was beside the still-named Mount Anthony's (now re-built as apartments for the elderly), and was owned by a Miss Annesley. The site of Beverston is occupied by a block of flats and is, like Mount Anthony's, on Ardee Road. That road did not then exist, and the long front gardens of these villa-styled houses stretched down to the main road and had gates and gate-lodges guarding their privacy. The Barracks gate was down at the main road at the corner of St Mary's front field as can be seen on the photo below. When the gates were moved back to make room for the construction of Ardee Road, the military origin of the road was maintained in the name. The third property, Larkhill, is where St Mary's now stands.



*Photo of Sports Day on Front Field
showing the pillars of the army barracks entrance gate on Rathmines Road*

Chapter Two

Larkhill

TRACING LAND OWNERSHIP gets very tricky, particularly when you go back to the era before documentation, so we will limit our search and start with the Abbey of St Thomas, which the Anglo-Norman, William FitzAdelm, butler to King Henry II, had built in the name of the king and dedicated to St Thomas à Becket, in reparation for Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral in 1177, just eight years after the arrival of Strongbow, Earl of Pembroke, on Irish shores. The street on which the Abbey fronted has been known ever since as Thomas St. The Canons Regular of St Victor were put in charge of the Abbey, which was endowed with the parish of St James, whose boundaries, fixed by St Laurence O'Toole, extended right up to the city walls at the Cornmarket and included the church of St Catherine, which at that time was a chapel-of-ease to St James's. The Abbey was further endowed with lands, as Archdall recounts in his *Monasticon*:

William FitzAdelm, in the presence of Laurence O'Toole, Archbishop of Dublin, gave, on the king's approval, to this Abbey, a carucate of land called Donower, now called Donore, and adjoining the city of Dublin, with a mill-meadow and all its appurtenances, for the health of the souls of Geoffrey, Earl of Anjou, father of the king, his mother the empress, and all his ancestors, and for the king himself and his sons.

Witnessed: Eugene, Bishop of Clonard, who a little before his death called the See Meath; Nehemiah, Bishop of Kildare; and Agustin, Bishop of Waterford; and the following year the king granted his confirmation.

These lands included everything south of Thomas St and west of St Patrick's Cathedral and Clanbrassil St, known roughly today as The Liberties; also "the manors, Lordships and cells of Leixlip and Kilruddery"; and the lands embracing Rathmines, Mountpleasant and Cullenswood (Ranelagh).

All these lands were probably owned previously by the O'Tooles, O'Byrnes or one or other of the Irish families who were forced further and further south by the successive waves of Danish, Norse, Norman and English invaders, as were, equally probably, their non-Celtic predecessors, the Partholonians etc. However that may be, the lands rested secure in the possession of the Abbey of St Thomas until King Henry VIII discovered that, by making himself head of the church in England, he could more readily change wives and buy the loyalty of the nobles and others with lands stolen from the suppressed monasteries. This went so well in England that he extended it to Ireland in 1539. Henry Duffe, the last Abbot, surrendered the Abbey and all its lands, "with malt mill, wood mill, two double mills, one carucate of land called Donower, 10 acres of meadow, 10 of underwood". All these were granted to William Brabazon, Vice Treasurer to the King in Ireland. With the wealth accruing from the possession of all these lands, William did

not remain just plain William. By 1543 he was Sir William and one of the Lord Justices, by the decree of Henry VIII, and confirmed in 1547 by King Edward VI. The Brabazon family continued to prosper, as well they might, down through the generations. In 1754 we read of one of them, Lord Bessborough, being made Lord Justice. The estate in county Wicklow, south of Bray, on the slopes of the Little Sugarloaf, called Kilruddery, became the main seat of the dynasty, whose head became known as the Earl of Meath. The Meath Estates in more modern times became the landlords to all the tenants living on the lands stolen from the Abbey of St Thomas. The family name is still to be found in the names of many streets carved out of these lands: Ardee St, Ardee Row, Brabazon St, Brabazon Place, Brabazon Row, Brabazon Sq, Chamber St, Chamber Court, Meath St, Meath Market, Meath Sq, Meath Place, Meath Terrace (all in the Liberties); Ardee Rd (Rathmines).

Early in the 19th century, 1807 to be precise, the branch canal joining the Grand Canal at Rialto to the sea at Ringsend, was completed, and in 1810, to accommodate the greatly increased intake into the army consequent on the Napoleonic Wars, Portobello Barracks was built, named after a famed battle off the Panama coast where Sir Francis Drake died two hundred years before. As if at a social signal, it became the "in" thing to move out of the city south of the canal to what were considered the more salubrious districts of Harold's Cross, Terenure, Rathmines, Rathgar and Ranelagh. In Wright's *Guide to the County of Wicklow* (1822) we read:

The village of Rathmines is chiefly inhabited by invalids, in consequence of the supposed purity and wholesome quality of its atmosphere.

Given that they were situated among green fields with no industrial pollution around them, and without the cramped, crowded conditions that obtained inside in the city, they really were far more healthy. Not that there was a mad rush to Rathmines. It was a gradual movement of people, gaining momentum year by year.

Up to 1820 there were just a few houses, as we have seen, on the right hand side of Rathmines Rd – Lissenfield, Mt Anthony and the Williams Park row of seven houses. Lissenfield covered the area between Blackberry Lane, which led to the service and non-commissioned gate of the Barracks, and the main entrance, which was the entrance to what is today Military Rd. In 1810 Major Alexander Taylor of the Irish Engineers leased Lissenfield from the Earl of Meath for one hundred years. Its area of 13 Irish acres included 2 Irish acres which later became the separate property of Larkhill. Major Taylor died in 1811 and the property passed eventually to his nephew, George Taylor, in 1838. George died shortly afterwards and left the property to his widow, Elizabeth (the family tomb can be seen in Mount Jerome Cemetery). On October 14, 1841, Mrs Taylor leased a section of Lissenfield, about two acres, to John F. Caldbeck, a barrister, who proceeded to build a house about a hundred metres back from the road and called it Larkhill. The cost was £1000. Two years later he sold the house and the lease, which he had bought from Mrs Taylor, to Mr William Wilson of Belfast on July 21, 1843.

In time the property passed to Mr Wilson's youngest son, James, who decided to move to Frascati House, Blackrock, the former home of Lord Edward FitzGerald, (demolished in the 1980s to make way for new Shopping Centres and the Blackrock by-pass road). On September 24 of that year, 1883, Mr James Walker, a Quaker, with an address at 15 Crow St, Dublin, rented the property for £120 per annum. On June 16, 1890, Walker bought the lease from Mr Wilson for £700. The conditions were that £500 should be spent on improvements within two years, and that fire insurance to the value of £2000 should be taken out. At this time Fr Botrel was negotiating with Walker for the property. In his letter to the Mother House dated April 4, 1890, Fr Botrel writes:



Air vent in College wall



Portobello Bridge



Williams Park

It now remains Larkhill. Everything is better there as regards the land and house; it is a superb situation for a school; but naturally the price is high. The rent is £90, with taxes rising to about £120. Furthermore, the lessee, [Walker – a Quaker], is asking at least £2000 to cede his rights. I say, at least, because he has not given his last word. He told me that he did not wish to listen to any talk about the question of at least £2000. Perhaps St Joseph will help us to get the property for a few pence less. However, it must be considered that it is close to the city; that we, here in Blackrock, have paid £2000 for part of our present property (Larkhill comprises a greater acreage and the house is fine, with a courtyard and coach-house at the back just as large).

In addition, the lease does not expire for 65 years (nearly what remains of the Blackrock lease) and three times the length of the Castle lease.

The walls of the courtyard and coach-house will suffice for long enough for the construction of classrooms, and on that account will be a certain compensation for the steepness of the price of the property itself. There will be, perhaps, about £600 worth of building to do, instead of £8 or £900 in any other place.

Furthermore, the situation is really superb. The parish priest told me the other day that it will be magnificent if we manage to get Larkhill – there is nothing better – nothing even as good.

Should we get Larkhill, we would have to spend:

Interest on £2000	£100
Rent (£90 + £30)	£120
Interest on £600 (Construction)	£ 25
Every year after that:	£245

Further, the salaries for the lay professors will be from £500 to £600 a year.

To make these expenses we would need 100 pupils at an average of £6 a year; now it is almost certain we will have that many and more. It seems probable that we can expect a minimum of 200 pupils rather than 100.

Here, then, Very Rev. Fr, is a general glance at the situation. The Fathers of the Council are all for Larkhill, as being much superior to St Bernard's.

I cannot give you the exact figure that Mr Walker will be asking, but I prefer to write you about the matter as it transpires, and I ask you if, in the circumstances that I have outlined for you, we can conclude the purchase.

On April 17, Fr Botrel was able to write:

Thank you, Very Rev. Father, for your immediate and favourable reply to us. We are setting to work without delay, invoking the protection of St Joseph, and after the preliminary steps with the proprietor [Mr Walker], we have placed the matter in the hands of Mr Dillon, and I have sent the official request (dictated by Mr Dillon), yesterday evening. Old Walker insists on £2000, but on the other hand, on examining his papers, he has found that the rent is only £82.10.0 instead of £90, as his son (young Walker) had told me; and the taxes are £24.3.0 instead of £30. Therefore, the annual payments will be £106.13.0. The old man tells me that he needs to give his last word. We pray to St Joseph.

Ten days later, Fr Botrel wrote:

I received your letter and I waited before answering until I had something definite to tell you on the subject of the day-school. Now, although the eight days asked for by old Mr Walker have passed, we have heard nothing positive yet. Meanwhile, he told Bro. Francis that he by no means implies that any difficulty can suddenly arise, but only that he needs to make some arrangements elsewhere before giving his last word. There is, therefore, great hope.

But almost a month later, on May 10, Fr Botrel was writing [a little wearily?]

Rathmines: We have not yet concluded the agreement. Mr Walker assures us that there is no difficulty about the rent, of that we can be sure. It is a matter of a delay of a few days, for an arrangement he is making with other people. The day before yesterday, he said that the titles would be at our disposal at the beginning of next week.

We hope it will turn out well. As it is, it is very annoying not to be able to busy oneself immediately with the plans for the building of the classrooms that are necessary for the beginning of term.

A week later Fr Botrel has still no progress to report. He calls Mr Walker *un vieux brouillon*.

An old blunderer who does not wish to give himself the trouble of going into details, and has no wish to facilitate the transfer of the titles. He told Mr Dillon that he had full confidence in him and that was enough, and that he wanted to take out his £2000 intact. It is a pity that the matter drags on like this.

But drag on it did. By June 13 he was writing that they had not yet taken possession of the property. Further details have to be studied and the lawyers move slowly. However, Mr Walker has returned from London and Fr Botrel expects that they will sign at the

*St Mary's College, 1890.
Note driveway down
from front door.*



beginning of the following week. Ten days later he writes that Walker wants a few more days to choose his new residence! However, in the meantime, while waiting to hand over the property he has permitted them to do any building or make any changes they wish. On July 7, Fr Botrel was able to report that the work on the changes and adaptations had begun and goes on to describe and cost them. There is no more mention of Mr Walker. The problem of borrowing the £2000 and the money to build the classrooms becomes more immediate. Finally, on July 27, 1890, Fr Botrel is able to write with evident relief:

We shall take possession of Larkhill the day after tomorrow at midday.

THE HOUSE

What was Bought and Who Paid

The *Bulletin Général* of the Holy Ghost Fathers, published in Paris in 1892, tells us what was bought from Mr Walker.

... the old mansion comprises two fine parlours, a very spacious dining-room, a suitable kitchen, a small library, four bedrooms and a fine green-house.

The College is situated at about 130 metres from the main road, where every two or three minutes, tramcars ply between the city and the suburbs. The College is linked with this main road by a beautiful, long winding avenue. In the middle of a charming little flower-bed in the front of the house is a beautiful statue of our Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Alongside the entrance avenue there is a field of sufficient size to permit the playing of "football" and "cricket" – games that are much in favour with our students. On feastdays and other significant occasions, the green flag of Erin waves over the little hill on which the College is built. Behind the building is another fine field . . . Beside this field is a garden, from which our year-round supply of fresh vegetables comes. At the end of this garden is a

stable and a farm-yard, which provides shelter for two good cows and about 60 hens – and two fearsome dogs! Such is St Mary's College, Rathmines.

As we have seen, the asking price for Larkhill was £2000. That may not seem much to a generation accustomed to £1,000,000 prizes in the National Lottery or the football pools, but in 1890 it probably represented a sum in excess of £50,000, and the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers did not have that kind of money lying around. In addition, what was bought was simply a private family house, and much had to be done before it could be used as a school, even a small school. And that cost money. Fr Botrel estimated that it would take £600 to convert the coach-house in the back into classrooms, adapt some of the rooms in the house to classrooms and build a toilet block.

The only way to get this money was by taking out a loan. The going bank rate in 1890, according to a letter of Fr Botrel, was 5%. It was already agreed by the Mother House that the title deeds of the other Holy Ghost properties in Ireland could be used as collateral, if necessary, although it was hoped that the deeds of Larkhill itself would suffice. On April 26, Fr Botrel wrote that their solicitor, Mr V. Blake Dillon, had an offer of 4½% but that the titles of Blackrock College would have to be used; that those of Larkhill would not suffice. [Valentine Blake Dillon, born in Ballina in 1843 and educated in Castleknock College, was admitted to the Bar in 1870. He acted for Parnell on the Times Commission and became Lord Mayor of Dublin 1894 and 1895. He died in 1903].

On the other hand, said Fr Botrel with his dry Breton humour, We can hardly ask the bank to lend us on the deeds of Larkhill before it can be truly said to have been bought by us. Someone has said that it is not prudent to sell the bear's skin before you have shot the beast!

The loan that Dillon actually secured for the purchase of Larkhill came from a Mrs Mary Kennedy, widow of Mr J. P. Kennedy of Firgrove, Ballybrack; and Dr Joseph Kenny, MP



The College in 1890. Note trees dotting the front field.



St Mary's College with field levelled, trees removed and avenue changed, c.1898.

of 15 Rutland Sq. Dublin. They were both friends of the Blackrock Community. The loan was for £3000 against the deeds of Castle Dawson, the main house of the Blackrock complex. The mortgagers were: Fr Botrel, Provincial Superior and President of Blackrock College; Fr Limbour, First Assistant and President of Rockwell College; Fr Ebenrecht, Provincial Assistant and Bursar in Blackrock College.

That loan covered the cost of buying Larkhill (£2000) and adapting it (£1000) for the first intake of students on September 8. It was also the foundation of the debt that was to grow and eventually help to bring about the premature closure of the school for a decade. A further loan was taken out a little later, this time for £500, from Mrs Kennedy, who had re-married in the meantime and was now Mrs William J. Corbett, MP, of Springfarm, Delgany. Four years later, a third mortgage, for £2000, was taken out from Mrs Corbett and Joseph Kenny. Nine years on, in 1904, a further mortgage, this time for £2000, was taken out. This time the mortgagees were Mrs Corbett and Willie Redmond MP, brother of the Leader of the Nationalist Party at Westminster. All the mortgages were repaid before the next one was taken out and the last one was repaid in 1911.

But money problems were still in the future. With the aid of the loan, the deal with Mr Walker was sealed, and on August 1, 1890, Fr Botrel took possession of the property,

We have seen what he bought, a fine family dwelling house, with suitably extensive grounds, but that was hardly sufficient for a school, as he well knew. On July 7 he had been able to write to Paris that the work had begun on the conversion. That work was summarised by him in a letter of July 27:

The alterations at Larkhill are well advanced. For £500 we have transformed the stable and coach-house into two fine classrooms; we have changed the court-yard into a magnificent assembly hall with a glass roof (65 x 16 high). This will be the centrepiece of future buildings. The £500 includes the building of an office and ten toilets.



St Mary's College c.1900

COMMUTING TO SCHOOL

In spite of the alterations and the building, Larkhill House was still not large enough to house the Community as well as the school. It became necessary to find accommodation as near as possible to the College until such time as they could extend the house. Towards the end of June 1890, Fr Botrel wrote to say that he was looking for a house to serve as a residence for the Community, "The choice is between two houses, of which one is fine on the outside, but a little small, and a little expensive because it is furnished; the other is 5 or 6 minutes away and is very grand, not so expensive (unfurnished), a little removed from the busy main road, and, consequently, more suitable for community living. The proximity of the first is a big factor, and I think we will take this. He is asking £100, we are offering £80."

The house in question was 13 Leinster Square, the last house on the right as you enter the square from Rathmines Road, opposite the Swan Centre. The house which occupies the site today is not the same house, but a more recently built house on the same site. Here the small community of four Fathers, two Brothers and two Prefects, lived for nearly a year, commuting to school every morning in time for class and returning every evening when the boys had left after games. A third Brother slept in the College as caretaker/supervisor, all three Brothers taking it in turn to do so. It was by no means an ideal arrangement – extremely tiring to be dragging back and forth, and time-consuming, even if it was only five minutes away. And it was expensive to be running two establishments instead of one. But, for nearly a year, that was the way of life of the community.

In July, Fr Botrel wrote that he had leased the house: "It will cost £68 all inclusive. nine rooms, bedrooms and other rooms, and a very spacious basement. Its situation is secluded

and peaceful." A week later he writes to say he has signed the contract for the lease. "It is £68 inclusive. However, we have to pay the proprietor ten shillings at the end of the year when leaving. Do you know what for? – for sweeping the chimneys and cleaning the garbage pit! What a Jew! Nevertheless, he is called a good landlord. Anyway, it is over. If Rathmines goes bankrupt, it will not be because of these ten shillings."

Fr Jules Botrel

The name of Fr Jules Botrel has been mentioned frequently enough already as Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland, and since he remained in that position until the end of the century, he figures prominently in the early history of St Mary's, so, perhaps we should write a few words about him.

He was born in Ploeren (Côte du Nord) in Brittany on November 12, 1844, and entered the Holy Ghost Juniorate in 1857. It is said that during his studies he was cured miraculously of a paralysis of the jaw while praying before the statue of Our Lady in the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Victories in Paris, a shrine dear to the hearts of all the sons of Claude Poullart des Places and the Venerable Libermann because it had figured prominently in directing them in the accomplishment of their destinies. Fr Botrel, with his accustomed reticence, would say little about the event, but the sudden cure followed months of agony during which he could scarcely eat, and numerous consultations and remedies failed to bring any relief. At any rate, the cure was permanent and in the following year, 1862, just three years after the first Holy Ghost Fathers had landed in Ireland, young Jules was appointed to go there as a Prefect and teach drawing and music, at both of which he was extremely accomplished. He spent five years teaching in Blackrock before returning to France, where he studied art under Flandrin at the Louvre, and music at the Paris Conservatoire. At the same time he was doing his studies for the priesthood. In 1870 he returned to Ireland to teach and study before his Ordination in France in 1872. He did his novitiate after that and was professed as a Holy Ghost Father in 1873, and returned to Ireland where he was to spend the rest of his life – 55 years.

He spent seven years as Dean of Discipline in Blackrock and then seven more as director of the Junior Scholasticate there. In 1889 he became Superior of Blackrock and president of the college, until 1900 and, later in the same year, he was appointed Provincial Superior, a position he held for another seven years until 1896.

Fr Botrel did not waste his talents. Several portraits by him, including those of Archbishop Croke of Cashel, Fr Jules Leman of Blackrock, and of the parish priest of New Inn, near Rockwell, are considered to be works of outstanding merit. Three of his pictures were hung in the Dublin Exhibition of 1882.

He had a thorough knowledge of music – plain chant, classical, secular and ecclesiastical modern music. More than a competent composer, he wrote and published a booklet *Notes on Harmony and Harmony Analysis*, which was favourably received by musical authorities, particularly by the Conservatories of Oxford and Cambridge. Dr Walsh, the



Fr Jules Botrel, CSSp

Archbishop of Dublin, constantly had recourse to him on all matters dealing with sacred music in the diocese, while he was continually in demand for his advice when the priests of the diocese, and outside, contemplated installing church organs. He was an accomplished organist himself and composed many hymns and canticles, especially in honour of the Blessed Sacrament.

Few people enough have the privilege of seeing the full fruits of their labour. Fr Botrel came early to the task of developing the Irish Province of the Holy Ghost Fathers, but he had the joy of seeing it solidly established, its projects prospering, its sons ready to disperse across the width of Africa in answer to their Master's call. He spent only one year in St Mary's. That was in 1898-99, while he was chaplain to the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny in Mount Sackville. The following year he was Superior in Clareville in Blackrock, where the Mission Band had been established, and there he spent the rest of his days, for most of which he was Provincial Assistant, at the heart of the decision-making and planning in the Irish Province. He died in 1928 at the age of 83.



St Mary's College c.1900

Chapter Three

The Pioneering Staff



President/Superior
Very Rev. Fr Thomas Fogarty

ACADEMIC

Rev. Fr Maximilian De Waubert – Vice-President
Rev. Fr Hugh Murray Gunn Evans – Dean of Discipline
Rev. Fr John Norris – Bursar
Rev. Mr Tuohy – Prefect
Rev. Mr Caysac – Prefect

DOMESTIC

Rev. Bro. Albert Cody – Gardener
Rev. Bro. Cyprian – Maintenance
Rev. Bro. Palemon Le Page – Cook/Hall Porter

Fr Thomas Fogarty (1856-1910)

THE FIRST SUPERIOR of the Community and first President of St Mary's College, was Fr Thomas Fogarty, who was also Dean of Studies. He was the son of Edward and Ellen (née Branigan) Fogarty, and was born in Ballyouskill, county Kilkenny, in 1856. He went to the Junior Scholasticate in Blackrock in 1870 after his primary schooling locally. He spent six years in Blackrock completing his classical studies and then spent two years prefecting there before he went to France for his priestly studies, and was ordained in 1882. His first appointment after ordination was to the staff of Rockwell College where he was Director of the Junior Scholasticate until 1887. Next came the unexpected and testing appointment, when he was sent to South Africa (Bechuanaland) to take over a mission territory from the famous Holy Ghost explorer/missionary, Fr Duparquet, who had explored and surveyed vast territories from the Cape to the Congo. Fr Fogarty had been invested with the powers of a Vice-Prefect Apostolic in Cimbabasié,

the early name for Bechuanaland. The Prefecture of Cimbabasié had been divided between the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate and the Holy Ghost Fathers, but the division had been found to be unworkable, so Fr Fogarty's real function was to close down the Holy Ghost involvement and hand over the entire Prefecture to the Oblates. The affair was amicably concluded in 1889 and Fr Fogarty returned to Rockwell.

The following August, he was appointed first President of the newly opened St Mary's College, a position he was to hold for ten years. In 1900 he joined what was known as the Mission Band – a group based in Clareville House, Cross Avenue, Blackrock, bought for the purpose, and engaged in giving Retreats, Missions, lectures, lantern slide shows throughout the country in order to arouse interest in the foreign missions and attract vocations and funds to the work. Fr Fogarty successfully immersed himself in this work for seven years until called in 1907 to become President of Blackrock College. Ill-health forced him to resign in 1910, and he died that November at the age of 54 from a heart attack.

Fr Maximilian de Waubert (1859-1935)

The Assistant Superior was Fr Max de Waubert, who was also the professor of Latin and French. He remained only one year before being recalled to France to teach English in the secondary school in Castelnau-d'Aud. He was born in the Department of the Somme in 1859 and went to school with the Jesuits in Amiens, where he became acquainted with Fr Limbour, Director of Holy Ghost apostolic school at Beauvais. He completed his studies with the Holy Ghost Fathers at Cellule, obtaining his bacchalaureate. He was ordained in 1883 and after his novitiate was sent to Ireland in 1884 to teach, first in Rockwell, and then as we have seen for one year in St Mary's.

His subsequent career is quite interesting. He spent six years at Castelnau-d'Aud before going as a missionary to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean where he spent fourteen years. He returned to France in 1911 because he was in danger of losing his sight. He was sent to Monaco, where, since the expulsion of the Jesuits from France in 1904, the Holy Ghost Fathers had held various chaplaincies, which were given to returned missionaries in need of a rest but still capable of light ministry. He was made Superior of the house and quickly became quite popular for his amiability, devotion and zeal. He was made Chancellor of the Diocese, organised the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Christian Mothers; he re-vitalised the diocesan Bulletin Religieux; was chaplain to the Prince, and to the Orphanage; and throughout his life never refused a request to preach a retreat or mission, or help in parish or youth work. When he died in 1935, he was given a state funeral for his services to the people of Monaco.

Fr Hugh Murray Gunn Evans (1860-1943)

The first Dean of Discipline was Fr Hugh Evans, who was also professor of Drawing and Music. It was he who was responsible for many of the fine concerts and plays performed during the first eight years of the school's existence. It was largely he who began and developed the tradition the school has maintained in the field of music and drama right up to the present day. We are fortunate to have the scrapbook which Fr Evans kept of all the performances given during those years.

He was the son of William Evans and Kathleen Murray of Newcastlewest, county Limerick, and was born in 1860. He went to Blackrock College from 1875 to 1880, and then was a prefect there for two years before going on to France for his priestly studies. In 1885 he went to Rockwell as a prefect for two years before returning to France for his final studies and ordination in 1889. Then followed his one year of novitiate and after his profession in 1890 he received his first appointment as a Holy Ghost Father to St Mary's.

He spent eight fruitful years in St Mary's before transferring to Rockwell as Bursar for



Maximilian de Waubert, CSSp



H. M. G. Evans, CSSp



John Norris, CSSp

two years, Director of Junior Scholastics for three years, and then four years with the Mission Band in Clareville. In 1907 he became Bursar in Blackrock for five years, and then President of Rockwell for four years. In 1911, it was decided to establish a novitiate in Ireland and Kimmage Manor was bought to house it. Fr Evans became Novice Master from 1917 until 1933, and a whole generation of Holy Ghost Fathers owed their spiritual and religious formation largely to him. When he retired as Novice Master, he became the first Superior of the new Novitiate in Kilshane, county Tipperary. In 1938 he retired completely and came to live in St Mary's, his first love, where he died in 1943 at the age of 83.

Fr John Norris (1860-1893)

Fr John Norris, whose career was shortlived, was Bursar and in charge of the Brothers. He was born on August 23, 1860, in Clonmel, county Tipperary, and entered the Junior Scholasticate in Rockwell at the age of fifteen. At the end of his secondary studies in 1879, he became a prefect in Rockwell for four years, and then entered the Holy Ghost Senior House of Studies in Chevilly, Paris, in 1883 for his theological course. But after only six months he had to return to Ireland with a chest infection, and remained in Rockwell as an assistant to Fr Goepfort in editing the St Joseph's Messenger. In December he was sent to Braga in Portugal, to teach English in the Holy Ghost College there, in the hope that the climate would be more congenial to his constitution. These hopes were realised to the extent that he was recommended by his Portuguese superiors, who looked on him as a model religious, for advancement to sacred orders. He was duly ordained in 1889 and did his novitiate, taking his vows in 1890. His first appointment was to St Mary's as a founding member.

His gentle manner and amiable character won him friends and esteem everywhere, but the tuberculosis was steadily sapping his strength. After just sixteen months in St Mary's he began to fail rapidly and on January 3, 1893, he died. The chapel of the school was too

small to hold the funeral service, so the remains were taken to Blackrock College, where the Provincial, Fr Botrel, met them, accompanied by sixteen priests, at the gate of the college and conveyed them in solemn procession to the college chapel where Fr Fogarty sang the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by Fr O'Toole and Fr Pembroke. Among those present were Canons Fricker and Lee, from the neighbouring parishes of Rathmines and Rathgar, and numerous other clergy and religious. (*Bulletin Général*, Paris, April 1893). Fr Norris was the first member of the staff of St Mary's to die.

THE BROTHERS

The three Brothers who pioneered the foundation were: Bro. Albert Cody, who was the gardener and responsible for supplies; Bro. Cyprien, who was the caretaker of the property and responsible for its maintenance; and Bro. Palemon Le Page, who was the cook and hall-porter. Bro. Cyprien was a novice-brother from France who did not

THE IRISH TIMES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1890.

OPENING OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, RATHMINES.

Yesterday morning the new College of St. Mary's, which is a branch of the French College at Blackrock, was opened in Rathmines under most favourable auspices. This latest addition to the educational establishments of Dublin is situated nearly opposite the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, and occupies a fine position in its own extensive grounds, being sufficiently secluded from the din of a busy thoroughfare to enable the students to pursue their studies under the most favourable circumstances. The spacious house was formerly the residence of Mr. Walker, and its great extent renders it peculiarly fitted for the purposes to which it will in future be devoted. The grounds are extensive, containing about four acres, which enable ample provision to be made for athletic and other exercises, now considered a necessary part of the education of the young; and in addition to the accommodation for students provided in the college itself, new and spacious class-rooms are in a forward state of construction close alongside and in immediate connection with it, and these when completed will afford all the conveniences desirable for a large number of pupils. Mr. Toole, of Dorset street, has the contract for the class rooms. St. Mary's has been established under the patronage of his Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop Walsh, with the view of affording parents in the Rathmines Township and district an opportunity of securing for their children at their own doors the advantage of higher Catholic education, the training to be given to boys in the new institution being precisely similar to that imparted at the well-known French College in Blackrock. A short time since we gave a summary of the general course of studies to be pursued at St. Mary's, and it may be useful to repeat that this course will include English, Greek, Latin, and modern languages; history, geography, mathematics, physical and natural sciences, elocution, music, drawing, and the various other branches of a liberal education.

Besides these branches there will be a special commercial course to prepare students for banks, mercantile pursuits, &c., and preparatory classes will also be provided. The President of St. Mary's is an accomplished scholar, the Rev. T. J. Fogarty, who was for many years a professor in Rockwell College, Cashel, which is also affiliated to the French College at Blackrock.

About 50 pupils, ranging from nine to seventeen years of age, were present at the opening of the College yesterday. The lads were accompanied by their parents, who took great interest in inspecting the arrangements made for the studies of the boys, and appeared to be well pleased with the comfortable equipment of the class-rooms. Among the clergy present were—Rev. T. J. Fogarty, President St. Mary's; Very Rev. Canon Fricker, P.P., Rathmines; Rev. Father Breen, C.C.; Rev. Father Botrel, President of the French College, Blackrock; Rev. Father O'Toole, Rector of University College, Blackrock; Rev. Father Evans, Rev. Father De Waubert, and Rev. Father Norris, with Mr. M'Kean, lay master.

Rev. Canon Fricker addressed a few remarks to the boys, encouraging them to do genuine work. He sincerely hoped that when the Intermediate results came out next year St. Mary's, Rathmines, would be well in the front, and would take a high position among the successful colleges. The opening of this new college was a source of great satisfaction to himself, and now that they had masters of such eminence and repute, he was glad to know that Catholic boys need no longer go out of the parish or district for the highest class of education. (Hear, hear.)

The boys were afterwards presented with a couple of superior footballs, one by Canon Fricker, and the other by the Rev. President, for which they expressed their thanks.

In the afternoon classes were formed, and earnest work will begin in the college to-day.



First week's intake, September 1890 – 53 boys with staff. The staff members in front-row are from left: Rev. J. Norris; M. de Waubert; T. Fogarty; H. G. Evans; Rev. Mr J. Caysac.

persevere. His subsequent career is not known. Bro. Palemon was also French and he died of cancer in Langonnet, France, in 1913 at the age of 61. Bro. Albert Cody came to St Mary's from Blackrock College where he had made his Religious Profession the year before. He transferred back to Blackrock after a couple of years and served with distinction for many years as the Refectorian in the students' dining-hall. He died in 1942.

PREFECTS

Last, but certainly not least in terms of work done and contact with the pupils were the two prefects, Mr Tuohy and Mr Caysac. These were the first of a long line of Prefects who gave sterling service to the college down through the generations until about ten or fifteen years ago, when shortage of numbers as well as a change in policy, saw the students going on the missions rather than to the colleges at home for this very necessary and fruitful part of their formation. The programme of formation in those days saw the young men who aspired to become Holy Ghost Fathers, first finish their classical or secondary education, either in the Junior Scholasticates in Blackrock and Rockwell, or elsewhere, and then begin their philosophical course for three years or do a few years prefecting in one of the colleges before starting their philosophy course. After prefecting, or the philosophy course, whichever came second, they did their theological course of four years, with ordination at the end of the third year, and then made their one-year novitiate before taking their vows as Holy Ghost Fathers. In 1896, there was a change in this programme and it was decided, by Rome, that students should do their novitiate and make their profession at some stage before their ordination to the priesthood. Even today, there is flexibility as regards the stage at which novitiate and profession are made, although it is always before the priesthood.

Mr Tuohy remained just a couple of years and then disappeared from our annals, having decided his future lay elsewhere. He and his brother Jeremiah, were at school in Rockwell

and both joined the Holy Ghost Fathers. Jeremiah persevered and was ordained and went to Sierra Leone where he died tragically young in 1899 at the age of 33. Joseph Caysac not only persevered but returned to St Mary's after his ordination and was on the staff almost to the end of the century. He was prefect for just one year and then returned to France for his theological studies and was ordained in 1895. His first appointment in 1896 was to St Mary's where he stayed until he went on the missions to Zanzibar in 1899. He had a most fruitful mission among the Kikuyus of Kenya for the next twenty-seven years, and for some time was Religious Superior of Zanzibar. He returned to Europe in 1926 and was appointed Superior of Castlehead in England. While there he wrote and had published by Burns, Oates & Washbourne a novel entitled, *A Mission Boy*, a novel of New Africa. Its theme was the pernicious effect of Protestantism on the primitive mind. Hardly a plus for ecumenism. He died in 1941 at the age of seventy.

THE GRAND OPENING

With the building programme and adaptations well underway at the College, with the Community chosen and a temporary home found for them, all was set for the Grand Opening on September 8, 1890, the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin, the Patroness of the College. And *grand* it was, as we can see from the full coverage given to it in the national newspapers.

In a letter to the Mother House on September 27, Fr Fogarty described the inauguration and the College's first steps:

Although the new buildings were not yet completed (and still remain incomplete), the opening of the College took place on September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us hope that our good Mother will watch over us and bless our work. The leading national newspapers spoke in laudatory terms of the beginning of our project. Fr Provincial, our parish priest, Canon Fricker, and many other priests, lent added dignity to the ceremony by their presence.

On opening day, our students numbered 34. Since then, we have increased steadily and the figure now stands at 51. We hope to have about ten more before Christmas.

On November 10, he could write:

Our hopes have not disappointed us. Parents seem eminently satisfied with the progress of their children, and sympathy in our favour is increasing daily. When I last wrote, the number of our pupils was 51. Today we have 65. We hope to reach 80 by the beginning of the New Year.

STARTING A SCHOOL

Starting a school from scratch with a Principal who was appointed only a week or two before the opening day, with pupils ranging in age from ten or eleven to seventeen or eighteen, with varying standards of education and enrolling in dribs and drabs, was no easy task. So, it is no surprise that we have no roll book for the month of September 1890. It is even surprising that we have one for October. The bane of any historian's life is the lack of written records, and in the case of St Mary's this covers the years from the beginning up to the temporary closure in 1916. At that time, it was seriously believed that the school

DAILY ROLL of St. Marys College for the Month of October

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	Carroll T.			Carroll T.
	Devine F.			Devine F.
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	Devine E.			Devine E.
	Dowd R.			Dowd R.
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would not be revived, so little was done to conserve school registers, photographs etc. In a school which remains open, old registers are put aside in presses and simply not interfered with rather than actively preserved. When a school closes, other uses are found for presses and their contents become lost in transit from one spot to another even if not purposely jettisoned. In the context of a ten-year closure, I suppose we are fortunate to have as much as we do.

Every week brought more and more boys to the school. The local clergy were eloquent propagandists in its favour, particularly Canon Fricker, who never lost an opportunity of singing the praises of the Holy Ghost Fathers, and of recommending to parents that they send their children to the college. 34 boys appeared that opening day, 64 by the middle of October, as we can see from the facsimile of the pages of the School Register for that month. By the time the school re-opened after the Christmas holidays, the roll had grown to 104. By the end of the first school year in June 1891, it had reached 115.

A glance at the addresses of the boys shows that the majority were local with Rathmines, Rathgar, Ranelagh, Mount Pleasant, Terenure, Kenilworth, Leinster Rd, South Circular, Grosvenor, and Palmerston, figuring prominently. It is a far cry from today with scarcely a boy from the nearer places to be found in the school. It is symptomatic of the radical change that has taken place in the area, turning what were once family homes into bed-sitters and flats, to accomodate the flood of young, mainly unmarried people working in the city.

GALA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The numbers may have been small, but it is amazing what the staff was able to do with them. Within three months of the opening of the College, they were able to present an entertainment which won plaudits from the national newspapers. Fr Botrel wrote to the Superior General before Christmas:

On Monday, December 17, 1890, the first ever musical and dramatic evening was given at the Rathmines College. The new hall was packed. There must have been 300 people there. A good number of the clergy also attended – all those working in the Parish – and some Fathers from Blackrock College. Everything went very well and praise came from all sides. The College seems to be well and truly launched, thanks, no doubt, to the protection of the Blessed Virgin. Canon Fricker, our Parish Priest, could not be more favourably disposed towards the College, and displays a most lively interest in it.

There are 72 pupils in the school. We expect more by Christmas.

Such praise must have been music to the ears of those who had been involved in the College from its incipient days, through all the vicissitudes of its conception, and its birth as a reality on September 8, 1890.

EXPANSION

Having weathered the first term and crowned it with such a resounding closing display, the Principal now turned his attention to the many inadequacies which had shown up in the day-to-day running of the school, and to plan for the expansion that would be necessary in the coming years of expected increase in numbers. There was, too, the question of the accomodation of the Community within the College premises. From the very outset, the arrangement in Leinster Square was considered temporary. This was pointed out by Fr Fogarty as early as September 1890, when he wrote:

We are very put out by having to maintain two houses separate from each other. Fortunately, this is only a temporary arrangement. Next year we are hoping to build on the land attached to the College . . .

Thus, it is no surprise to find him testing the water in a letter in February, 1891:

Our student numbers now stand at 110. If the number continues to increase, we will be hard put to know where to put them, because lack of space limits us to 130 . . . Archbishop Walshe and Canon Fricker, speaking of our present numbers and of their certain increase, told me: 'You will do well to begin building in February, in order to have everything ready by August, because otherwise you are going to spoil a magnificent re-opening'. Fr Provincial and all the Fathers here . . . are all of the same mind.

Indeed, a month earlier, Fr Botrel had written in much the same vein to Paris:

The system of a double house, or rather, of two distinct houses, should not continue. Classrooms must be built in such a way as to leave the main house free for the Community. The foundation of this new College is too fine for us to hesitate.

He followed up this letter with another in February, endorsing Fr Fogarty's, and adding:

The inconvenience of the present situation for the Community is very serious. I support the request of the Rathmines Community.

The Superior General, Fr Emonet, wrote on February 20, giving the necessary permission to go ahead with the required expansion. By the end of March the contract had been signed. £1900 was the amount estimated to complete the plan. The work began in April, and before the end of June, Fr Fogarty could write that:

the Community will transfer from Leinster Square to St Mary's in the first week of August. The new buildings will be finished by that time, though the interiors will have to be arranged and many things still to be done.

On July 7 he wrote:

Our buildings . . . have risen as if by magic. Everybody is amazed at the speed.

Finally, we read:

The buildings have been completed. The Community transferred its residence from Leinster Sq. to St Mary's in the first week of August.

The new college buildings were joined to the original house. They comprised a very spacious hall, measuring 70ft by 25ft, instead of the covered-over courtyard at the back of the house which had served as assembly hall and concert hall till then. A new wing had been added to the north, giving on the ground floor eight classrooms, all 20ft by 20ft, four on either side of a wide corridor. This is the older part of the present Junior school. Above on the first floor, a chapel ran the full length of the west side of the building, large enough to accomodate 200, and on the other side of the wide corridor were three good bedrooms. At the end of the corridor was a small but well-furnished sacristy.

On the south side of the assembly hall there were two large rooms with movable partitions, for use for the assembly of the students, and above them four more bedrooms for the Community. On the north side of the hall there were two classrooms with nothing above them.

With just minor alterations and additions, that was essentially the extent of the College buildings for the next fifty years. It is a tribute to the foresight of Fr Fogarty. The hall, the classrooms and the chapel were all centrally heated by hot pipes.

A LITTLE STABLE FOR THE COW

With the benefit of hindsight we can see how far-seeing Fr Fogarty had been, but for those responsible for balancing the account books and providing enough cash for day-to-day living, it was merely extravagance. When Fr Fogarty asked for permission to borrow another £500 on top of the £2000 he had already received, Fr Botrel suggested to the Mother house that he be asked to give a detailed account of how he had spent the first sum before being given the second. This detailed account was given in a letter dated 5 December 1891, and it gives us a vivid picture of what was done with the house:

A great deal of unforeseen and unexpected extra works had to be done without delay, as the doing of them was demanded by the sanitary authorities, or in other cases, getting them done now while the works

were in progress, would save double or even treble the expense later on. It was only when we came to live here that we found we could not manage without such appliances as:

1. A regular supply of gas in the house, classrooms and chapel;
2. A regular system of water-pipes which had to be laid from the nearest water main;
3. Heating in the halls, classrooms, chapel, etc. with hot water pipes;
4. A new toilet block for the increased numbers; a bicycle shed, as most boys come on bicycles, and, as it rains so much, they must be protected;
5. The old kitchen, which was good enough for a private house, had to be re-fitted; a scullery, pantry, etc. arranged; the rooms of the house which had been adapted as classrooms had to be boarded, papered or painted;
6. Chapel furniture, a second altar with a second set of requisites for Mass; Benediction service; and pews to seat 150 to 180 boys to be provided.

Fr Fogarty himself had no doubt whatever of the school's ability to fund itself. He ends the same letter with the words:

There is no danger of us. As far as I can conclude from an examination of the accounts, we were able last year to pay our ordinary expenses. Now we have double the number of boys we had then. The present number is 125 and fifteen more are arranged for. We are half-promised another chaplaincy, in Rathgar (Mass on Sunday only) . . . everything, thank God, is bright.

Fr Fogarty may have considered everything bright, but those with the financial responsibility for the Congregation were not too happy. One of the arguments for founding the day-school was that it would be a paying proposition, and come to the financial help of the junior scholasticates in Blackrock and Rockwell in particular, as they were in very many cases giving free education to the young aspirants to the Congregation. Finding the day-school to be a growing burden, viewed admittedly in the short term, was anything but reassuring to the powers that were. And, in the event, they were proved right even in the longer term, because money was to be one of the main factors which brought about the closure of the school after only 26 years of existence. But all that was still some way in the future in 1891.

Almost every letter which passed either way between Paris and Rathmines during 1891 was about money – where to borrow it; for how much; caution from the Mother House and Fr Provincial; supreme and incorrigible optimism from Fr Fogarty. July 7, 1891:

Daily we are obliged to procure almost indispensable things, e.g. a coal-shed, a hay-shed(!), a little stable for the cow, to buy and plant trees, raise the property walls, level the field a little as a playing field, buy gear for physical culture etc. etc. We are also obliged to buy another piano, open another road to the property by the side of the garden . . . But even this year we will be easily able to pay our way, if we do not have such extraordinary expenses. *Next year looks very promising.* (Ed.'s emphasis).

The idea that a hay-shed and a little stable for the cow were indispensable may strike us as odd, but in the days before the cheap bottled milk, a cow of your own was a handy thing to have, if you could feed it. There were 500 dairies in the city of Dublin at the time and

most of them had cows in their back yards, fed on hay. There was also a chicken-run with 60 hens. If Blackrock and Rockwell had their farms, why not St Mary's a kitchen-garden, hens and a cow?

When the time came for Fr Fogarty to give an account of his stewardship for the first two years of the school, he could proudly say:

As you will see from the following pages, our expenses have been enormous, but we have something truly fine, solid and complete, for our money. Our school now has room for 200 or 250 children, of a kind that, from here on for a long time, we will have no building to construct, no installations to make.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

"A good corner of the grounds has been transformed into a garden, and provides us with potatoes and fresh vegetables of every variety. We have arranged a fine flower-bed in front of the house, planted laurels along the walls which separate our property from the military; and planted a little grove of trees near the house, where, later, the Fathers will be able to promenade in privacy. It is no wonder that the Archbishop pronounced as 'truly enchanting and marvellous' what we have been able to accomplish in such a short space of time. On the day of his visit, he came a quarter of an hour before lunch to look over the house. He visited particularly the chapel, the classrooms, recreation halls, bedrooms, etc., and gave us great praise, publicly and privately". (Letter: March 8, 1892)

Whatever praise the Archbishop gave was certainly merited. It had truly been a herculean task to start from absolute scratch, without a single penny of capital, buy a private family residence and within eighteen months turn it into a flourishing school, capable of accomodating 250 pupils, furnishing it completely with everything necessary for a successful academic institution. Perhaps only an incurable optimist like Fr Fogarty could have done it. We have seen flashes of that optimism in the letters quoted. The ending of the above letter of March 8, 1892, sums up his general attitude:

. . . our present debt is in the region of £1500 – an amount we will have to borrow somewhere . . . all goes well. At Easter we hope to have an increase of pupils, and if you can give us one or two good Fathers next year, we will quickly lessen, with the help of the good God, this debt which, at the moment, hangs over us.

So far, we have reviewed the College buildings and grounds up to the end of the academic year of 1890-91, and we have seen that there was little alteration in them for the next fifty years. Perhaps the most noteworthy, because the most visible to the outsider, was the change in the front field and avenue. The earliest description of the property speaks of the house being linked to the main Rathmines Road by 'a beautiful, winding avenue'. Beautiful it may have been to look at but it cut into the field and constricted its use as a football field. The field was also dotted with trees, many of them lining the Swan River, which, having risen (according to C. Sweeney in his book *The Rivers of Dublin*) on the south-east corner of the Kimmage Manor property, flowed between Parkmore Drive and Lavarna Grove, across Terenure Road West, through Hazelbrook Estate, through the grounds of the former Carmelite Convent of Mount Tallant, crossing Harold's Cross Road just south of Leinster Road. It flowed eastwards through the grounds of St Louis



Fr. M. de Waubert with First Communion Group, c.1890

Convent before turning abruptly north again behind the Stella Cinema, and continued down by the side of Ardee Road to cross the Military Road and enter the front field of St Mary's where the boundary wall rises to a peak to accommodate an air vent, the grating of which is still to be seen. Ten or fifteen yards into the field, the river, marked on maps as Swan Water, turns abruptly east once more and crosses under the Rathmines Road opposite Richmond Hill. The place where it crosses is marked by another air vent, this time in the shape of a headless lamp standard, again topped by a grating. The river, which gives its name to a number of roads and a shopping centre, flows down underneath Richmond Hill, across Mount Pleasant Square and Ranelagh Road, through the former grounds of the Carmelite Convent, where it forms a pond in a public park, down across Leeson Street, parallel to Clyde Road, across Shelbourne and Lansdowne roads, and enters the River Dodder just south of London Bridge.

The river had already been covered over by 1890, and, in fact, had been incorporated into the city's drainage system, of which it still forms a part, but the trees that flourished beside it as it ran through the grounds of Larkhill, were still there until removed by the college to permit the safe playing of football. More new trees were planted than old ones removed, environmentalists will be pleased to learn. There are hints in surviving documents that football was played even before all the trees were removed, and rival schools were not at all enamoured of the perilous nature of an away game with St Mary's. The school has never since, I imagine, instilled fear into the hearts of football rivals – respect, yes, but hardly fear!

Chapter Four

1890-1900



President
Rev. Fr Thomas Fogarty

REVEREND FATHERS

Maximilian de Waubert (1859-1935) – Vice-President	Cornelius O'Shea (1855-1922)
Hugh M. G. Evans (1860-1943) – Dean-Discipline	William Corcoran (1865-19?) – left CSSp
John Norris (1860-1893) – Bursar	Joseph Caysac (1871-1941)
Laurence Healy (1856-1938)	Jules Botrel (1844-1928)
John O'Hart (1868-1934)	John Stephens (1839-1916)
Thomas Pembroke (1865-1919)	Patrick A. Walsh (1876-1946)
	Michael Kelly (1866-1923)
	Richard Dooley (1869-1909)

REVEREND BROTHERS

Albert Cody (1857-1942)	Epiphanius O'Leary (1848-1925)
Cyprien (Novice) – left	Honorius Mc Geever (1846-1928)
Palemon Le Page (1851-1913)	Otteran (Novice) – left
Gall Walsh (1851-1941)	Canute Heerey (1839-1916)
Dunstan Dunne (1851-1905)	

REVEREND PREFECTS

Joseph Caysac (1871-1941)	Thomas Maher – left
John Tuohy – left	John Byrne (1872-1953)
Richard Dooley (1869-1909)	William English (1878-1910)
Auer – left	John Meehan (1871-1954)
M. Buchheidt – left	Charles Meyer (1882-1955)
James O'Neill (1873-1948)	Edward O'Shea (1878-1967)
John J. O'Reilly (1871-1957)	Michael Branigan (1866-1917)
David O'Brien (1876-1932)	

LAY PROFESSORS

J. Stein (1890-1892) Music	J. Mulchinock (Capt.) (1893-1894) Drill
J. McKean (1890-1891)	G. Merriman (1896-1897)
D. Fitzgerald (1890-1892)	P. Lores (1897-1898)
Keane (1891-1892)	Conway (1897-1898)
W. Reid (1891-1893)	T. McDonnell (1898 Sept/Nov)
J. McNaughton (1891-1893) Drill	M. McMahon (1898-1900)
F. Manly (1892-1895) Piano	H. Norton (1898-1899) Shorthand
J. Munro (1892-1894) Music	



St Mary's College Staff and Community, 1898

At rere: H. Norton; M. McMahon.

*Standing: D. O'Brien; W. English; J. Caysac; W. Corcoran; J. Byrne; J. Meehan; Bro. Honorius.
Seated: J. O'Hart; H. M. G. Evans; T. Fogarty; C. O'Shea; T. Pembroke.*

It will not be possible to give even a thumb-nail biography of every member of the college staff over the one hundred years with which we are dealing. It is in the nature of any history that the vast majority of the actors on any particular stage are anonymous. Individuals will be singled out, not because they are more important, but because they are different, through what they did or what happened to them. Dozens of staff members, clerical and lay, down through the century have given inestimable service to the college and its students, by word and example, but must be largely unsung in these pages through lack of space. It is hoped that the recording of their names as having been on the staff of St Mary's will be cachet enough to the cognoscenti.

Of the clerical members of the staff during the first ten years, one, Fr Botrel, was the ex-Provincial Superior; two, Fr Laurence Healy and Fr Con O'Shea, were later to fill that office. Fr Michael Kelly became in 1911 the first-ever Irish Novice Master, at Kimmage Manor. Joseph Caysac had the distinction of figuring twice on the staff list, once as a prefect in 1890-91 and as a priest in 1896-99. It has occurred frequently since but he was the first, followed by J. J. O'Reilly, William English, Richard Dooley, Michael Kelly and James O'Neill, all of whom returned after ordination. Dates of birth and death are missing for some of the brothers and prefects because they did not remain in the Congregation and their subsequent careers were not followed up in the records. Fr Corcoran left and became a diocesan priest in the USA.

Dearth of records leaves us with little information about most of the lay staff of the time, and indeed, right up to the closure in 1916. At that time no one thought that the school would open again, so invaluable records were consigned to flames. I suppose we must be grateful for what has been rescued. The names we have are culled largely from a few old account books and other non-academic material. Their accuracy is certainly not vouched for. Joseph Stein was a well-known figure in the musical circles of the time and

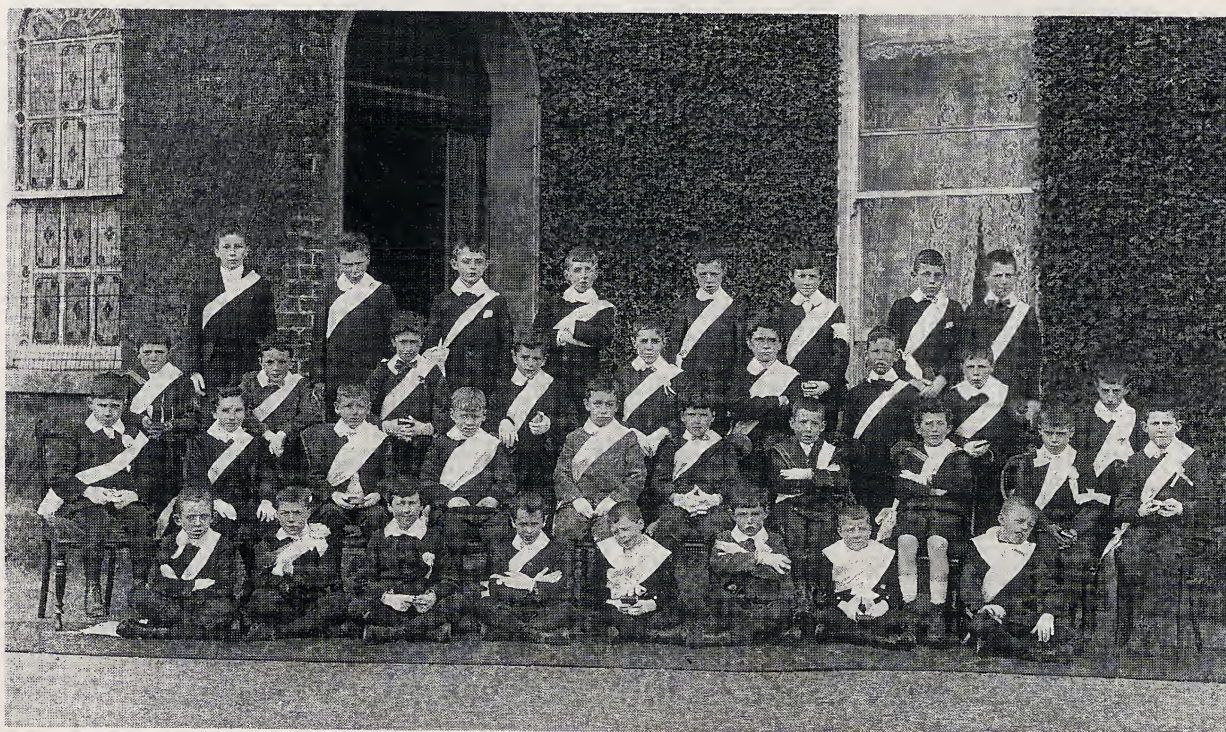
an accomplished violinist and composer. He was largely responsible for the first concerts presented by the school and was himself a soloist at them, as well as the composer of the Welcome Song which opened the first-ever concert in December 1890. An interesting item occurs at the end of the staff list, where Mr H.A.Norton is named as the teacher of shorthand, a rather surprising subject for those days. Matthew McMahon left the staff in 1900 to become a clerical student in Clonliffe College and was ordained priest in 1906, rising to become President of Clonliffe and an Archdeacon in the Dublin Archdiocese.

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION?

Perhaps, from the very outset we should try to give at least a glance at what was the primary purpose of St Mary's, namely, the moral and intellectual education of boys from the ages of 12 to 18, with due attention to their physical wellbeing. For the moment we confine ourselves to the first decade of its history.

In a report to Paris on this aspect of school life, Fr Fogarty stated that for the first two years:

Our boys have not been strong enough to compete in the 'Intermediates' against those from schools with a much longer history and a formidable reputation. Our expectations up to now could not be too high. However, it is a cause for consolation and encouragement to be able to state that this year we have taken a giant step forward, not only with the number of distinctions obtained, but also in regard to their quality . . . Thus, the sum of money which the College received from the government because of these successes, has increased every year. This year (1893) it amounted to more than 3000Fr. Moreover, we are only now beginning to have students formed completely by ourselves, and we have every reason to hope that in a very short time they will do us proud. At present we have 130 students. They are all good



Children of Mary Sodality, c.1895

boys and very attached to the College. But since they have to go home every evening, and only stay in school for five hours of class time, they have to deal with a whole host of distractions, which makes any kind of serious study very difficult, if not impossible. It is these endless distractions which, in the view of our Archbishop, Dr Walsh, constitute the biggest difficulty which day-schools in Dublin have to face. The programme of studies is that prescribed for the 'Intermediate Examinations'. This year (1894) for the first time we have all the classes except for the Senior Grade. Some students are also being prepared for the Matriculation Examination for the Royal University, and for the entry examinations to the professions.

In his report to the Mother House, Fr Fogarty did not neglect to mention the efforts made for the spiritual welfare of the students:

Needless to say, our efforts are, above all else, devoted to forming our students in the Christian life. To this end, as well as attendance at Mass and the Sacraments, the different monthly devotions and confraternities, we procure for the students the advantage of the spiritual exercise of a Retreat . . . Twice a year we have the happiness of admitting a good number of our younger boys to their First Holy Communion in our own chapel, in the presence of their parents, with all possible ceremony. Bishop Donnelly (Auxiliary to Archbishop Walsh, and parish priest of Rathgar) has kindly consented to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation specially to our students. May Mary, our good Mother, continue to favour this work, so auspiciously begun under her patronage.

A couple of years later, Fr Fogarty could report much in the same vein:

On the spiritual side, we are happy to be able to report, as in the past, excellent dispositions in our pupils, which we have striven to develop in them by solid instruction, the work of the confraternities, the devotions recommended for May and October etc. On Wednesday they assist at Holy Mass and on Saturday at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Every year Fr Pembroke prepares a large number for First Communion and for Confirmation, and we profit by these solemn occasions to renew good dispositions in all. For the same reason we ask them to do some days of Retreat, which we are confident are not without fruit. Moreover, we have the consolation of seeing our efforts for the spiritual advancement of their sons greatly facilitated by the sincerely Catholic parents, who wish at heart to see them as good Christians, and see to it that they carry out their duties. The good God has been pleased to bless these efforts already by picking out some chosen ones. Several of these have now entered, or are about to enter the Diocesan Seminary at Clonliffe or that of Maynooth or Religious Houses.

As can be seen, it is not in vain that we have placed our confidence in Mary, to whose patronage our work has been confided. May we continue to merit always her maternal protection.

It may be interesting to see the roll-book at the beginning of that third year of the school's history, 1892-1893.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REGISTER

1892-1893

Division I

Black, Percy	Lahiff, Frederick	O'Hare, George	Britten, Joseph
Leonard, Edmond	O'Hare, Willie	Burke, Louis	Little, Ray
O'Reilly, Arthur	Cantwell, John	Martin, Arthur	O'Toole, Charles
Corless, Thomas	Martin, John	Pakenham, John	Devine, Arthur
McAsey, Michael	Perry, John	Dodd, John	McCarthy, John
Powell, Charles	Davison, Harry	McCabe, Patrick	Powell, William
Davison, Walter	McGill, Henry	Purcell, Michael	Davison, Arthur
Miley, Felix	Quinn, John	Dooley, Michael	Moloney, Harry
Rafter, John	Dowling, John	Morris, Austin	Ryan, William
Duignan, Arthur	Murphy, Aubrey	Slattery, Leo	Duignan, John
Murphy, Martin	Swan, Charles	Gower, David	Murtagh, Christie
Garland, Nicholas	Hastings, Charles	Murtagh, Frederick	Meade, Joseph
Hastings, Philip	Nicholls, Arthur	Plant, James	Heneberry, John
O'Connor, Arthur	Plant, Anthony	Kelly, Thomas	O'Connell, Patrick
Kenney, Hugh	O'Donnell, John		

Division II

Arigho, George H.	O'Connor, Arthur	Black, Bertie	Kennedy, Michael
O'Connor Charlie	Butler, John	Kinahan, Robert	O'Connor, John
Butler, Maurice	Kelly, Gerard	O'Donnell, John	Campbell, James
Langan, Joseph	O'Neill, James	Curran Willie A.	Lea, Bernard
O'Neill, John	Curran, Frank A.	McAsey, John	O'Reilly, James
Curran, Stafford A.	McCabe, Charlie	O'Reilly, John	Delahunty, Thomas
McEnanem, Frank	O'Reilly, Malachy	Devine, Frank	McNerney, Walter
Peake, Sydney	Digges, John D.	Moloney, Dan	Perry, Val
Dodd, Joseph	Murphy, John	Plunkett, John	Dodd, Reuben
Murphy, William	Powell, Charlie	Dwyer, Joseph	Moore, Joseph
Purcell, Michael	Dwyer, Michael	Neville, Harry	Swan, Andrew
Farrell, Joseph	Nicholls, Joseph	Swan, Willie	Flanagan, Joseph
O'Brennan, Harry	Gaynor, George		

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

By the year 1894, the academic distinctions that had eluded the school in its earlier years, were beginning to come to them fast and thick, as we read in the report to the Mother House covering the years 1894-1896:

The rapid progress we were happy to report in our last bulletin has again been very marked in the examinations of the past two years. In 1894, in the Intermediate Examination, 18 of our pupils were successful, two of them gaining the Grand Prize (or 500Fr Prize), and three other prizes of lesser value. But what has given us most reason to be proud is that, of the 5000 students that presented themselves for examination in the Preparatory Grade, one of ours was awarded the first place. The press did not on that

occasion fail to signal such a remarkable success. *The Freeman's Journal* expressed itself in these words:

"We are happy to report that the highest distinction of the Preparatory Grade has been won by the College, so recently founded but already so flourishing, of St Mary's, Rathmines. We congratulate the President and the Fathers of that establishment for having succeeded, in so short a space of time, in reaching the first rank among the educational houses of the country."

In 1895, 29 of the 34 students (85%) that we presented were successful, a very remarkable success when you consider that, of the total number presented for the examination, only 60% were successful. Of the 29, three were awarded the Grand Prize or 'Exhibition', and two were awarded lesser prizes. What is not to be disdained is that these successes have enhanced the College by the handsome sum of 150 pounds sterling, or 3750Frs, in 1894, and in 1895 by £300, or 7500Frs. Our successes in the first examination of the Royal University have been just as satisfying; all those presented were accepted. This year we intend to present for the Intermediate Examination 60 students, that is, almost double the number of last year.

The report for the years 1896-1899 has another lament that the distractions besetting day boys in a city school makes real study very difficult:

Our students, we must confess, are not yet perfect! It cannot be said that they show an excessive enthusiasm for study! Besides, they have to do their work at home in the midst of a thousand distractions. Because of that, their homework is not normally well done, nor their lessons well learnt. It is this that makes our task so difficult, much more so than among boarders.

And yet, in spite of everything, we managed to succeed in the examinations at the end of the year. Otherwise, our pupils would have gone elsewhere! We are constrained to go to much trouble, but thanks be to God, our efforts have not been without success. In the last examinations, the establishment of St Mary's was at the head of all the catholic day schools in the capital. Two of our students were awarded 'Exhibitions' of 500Frs, and one other, a prize of 750Frs, not to speak of other awards of lesser value.

In 1896, these results won for the school the fine sum of 8750Frs.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

It must be understood that in Ireland, every year, a public examination is held for all the schools, Catholic and Protestant, engaged in secondary teaching. The number of pupils taking part is usually about 8 or 9000. The government distributes important prizes to those who have the best results. The Grand Prizes, called Exhibitions, are worth from £25 to £50; others, which are simply called Distinctions, are worth from £1.15.0 to £2.0.0. The schools themselves receive bonuses in accordance with the success of their pupils . . . (*Freeman's Journal*: 5 July 1900)

This success story continued to the end of the decade, as is clear from the following reports:

1898

The number of our pupils is 150 at the moment. We hope to reach 200 soon, because Rathmines increases in population every year and the trust of our families has been gained.

The results of the last examinations have been excellent . . . gaining for us a bonus of 8000Fr, and it must be said that a very great number of our children are really too young to compete. But they have gained for themselves 3000Fr, including a silver medal for Greek composition. A national newspaper says on the subject:

"St Mary's keeps its distinguished rank, and finds itself once more at the head of the day-schools in Dublin".

The editor was constrained to add:

. . . just as the two boarding schools directed by the Fathers of the same Congregation are at the head of all the boarding Colleges of Ireland.

Bulletin Général

1899

According to the 1899 results of the General Examinations in Ireland, Rathmines, with 16 Distinctions, holds first place among the day-schools in Dublin.

"The Holy Ghost Fathers have every reason to be proud", says *The Freeman's Journal*, "Because, of the 754 Distinctions gained by all the colleges of Ireland, their three schools, by themselves, have gained 160, which is more than one fifth of the whole; it is truly a phenomenal success!"

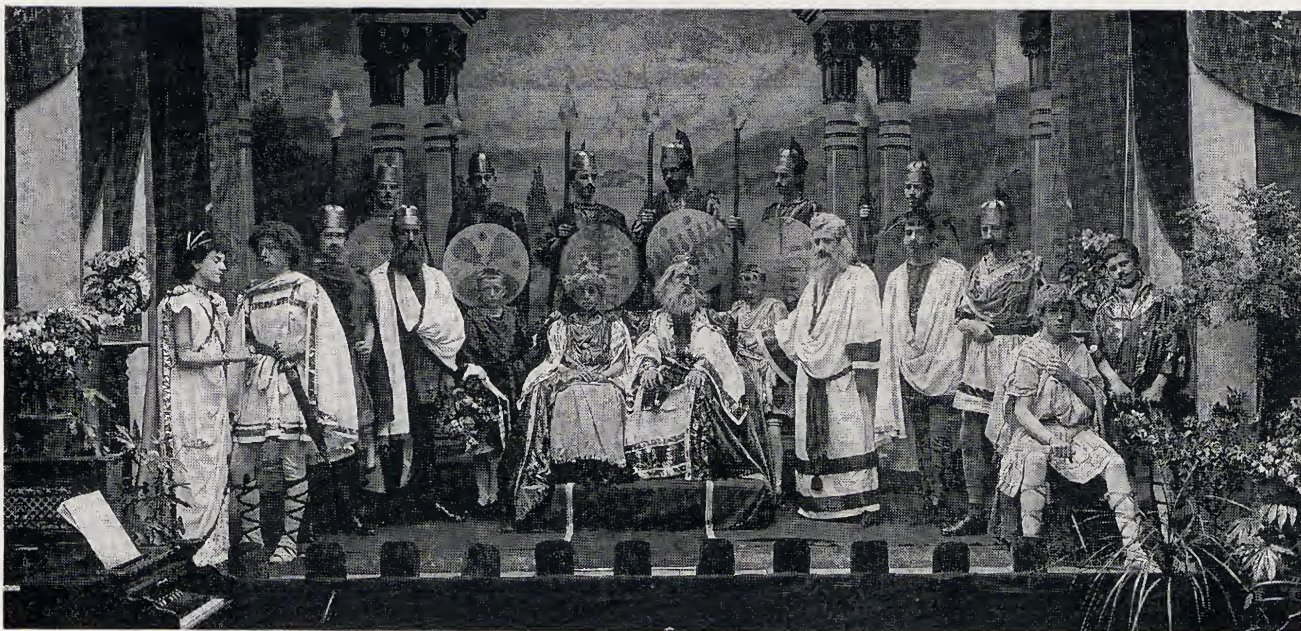
1900

The actual number of pupils is 142. St Mary's College came out first, without any opposition, in the last Examination, held in June 1900, among all the day-schools of Ireland. The allocation of nearly 11000Fr which we gained, surpassed that of the previous years. It is a good augury for the future, especially now that Rathmines has received a baptism of trials that have failed to sink it.

General Bulletin: July 1901

View of the College from the playing field, c.1900





School play The Athenian Captive 1898

All in all, therefore, St Mary's could look back on its first decade with pride, and look forward to the future with more than just hope, with that solid academic success behind it. But studies were not the only aspect of school life to give satisfaction during those ten years, nor to claim all the headlines and space in the newspapers. From the very beginning, the college showed musical and histrionic talent which was to characterise it throughout the one hundred years of its existence.

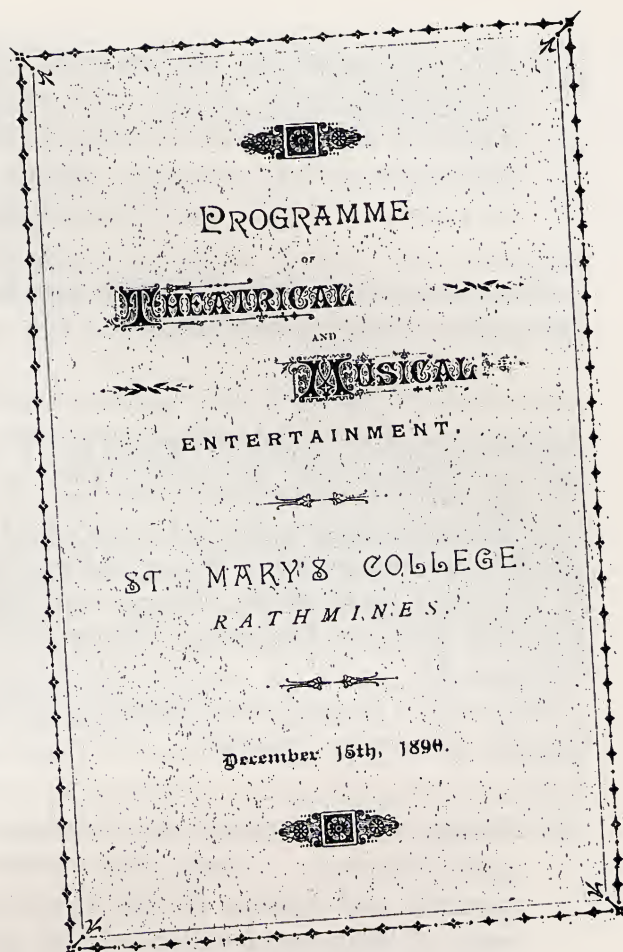
DRAMA AND MUSIC

When one considers that the lease for the Larkhill property which became St Mary's College was not signed until July 29, and that the first Superior of the Community and President of the College, Fr Tom Fogarty, was appointed at the end of August only; and when you consider the work that had to be done in transforming a family residence into a secondary school, complete with chapel, classrooms and assembly hall, you have to marvel that the school opened on September 8, and that the parents and visitors were delighted with what they found. And when you consider how small the numbers were, even towards the end of the first term, it is absolutely astounding that, on December 15, 1890, a 'Theatrical and Musical Entertainment' could be presented in the college, winning fulsome praise in the national newspapers.

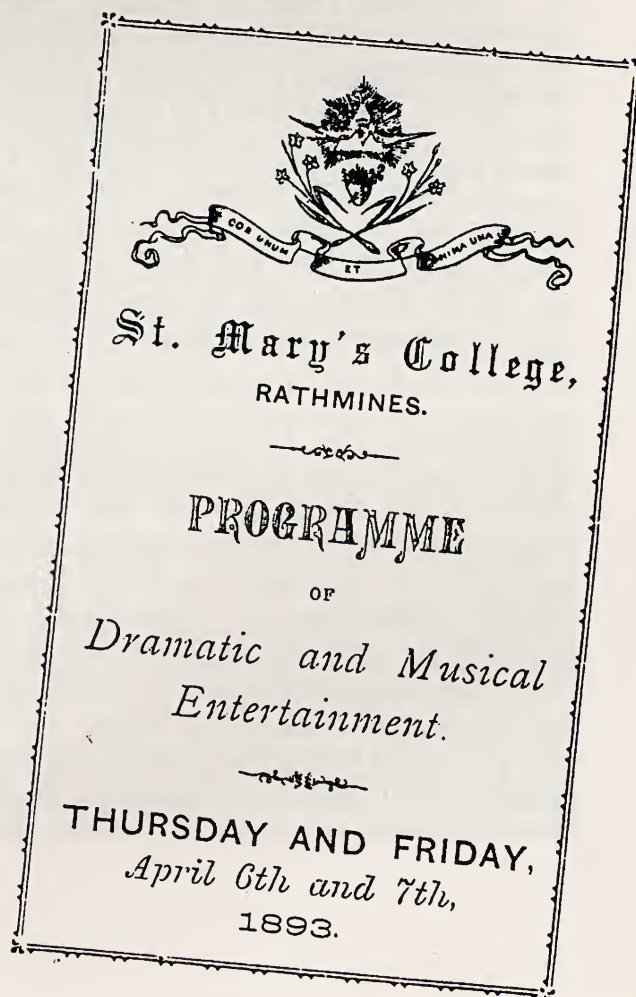
We have already seen extracts from the newspapers on that event, and the reports sent to the Mother House by Fr Botrel and Fr Fogarty. That first presentation, undertaken under such adverse conditions, and yet, so successful, set the tone and standard in dramatic and musical performance that was to be a hallmark of the school for the next hundred years, and was to be as much a part of the school's 'excellence' as its academic and sporting achievements.

With a full six months to prepare for it, the next concert was every bit as successful. It took place on June 30 1891, on the occasion of the first Distribution of Prizes, to mark the ending of that first and historic year of the school's existence. Fr Fogarty described the event briefly to Paris:

The first Distribution of Prizes attracted not only the parents, brothers and sisters of the prize-winners, but also friends of the college and students.



Some early programmes of musical items presented in the college



The success of the musical and dramatic items presented on the occasion surpassed all our hopes. Our visitors departed truly delighted with the talent of the youthful musicians and actors. Bishop Donnelly presided at this prize-giving ceremony, during which he gave an eloquent speech, full of praise, of thanks and of encouragement.

(Letter: 7 July 1891)

These sentiments of the President were fully endorsed by the national newspapers which gave full coverage to the event.

ARCHBISHOP'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT

The first official visit of the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Walsh, who, as much as anyone can be called an instigator, if not a founder, of the college, took place on February 25, 1892, when he was presented with an address, illuminated by a Mr McConnell of O'Connell St. The texts, both of the address and His Grace's reply, were printed verbatim in the National Press on Thursday, February 25, and in *The Freeman's Journal* on Saturday, February 27.

Naturally, a theatrical and musical performance was given on the occasion, eliciting the, by now, customary encomia.

From time to time our students have given musical and theatrical performances – events that were enhanced by the presence of their parents and friends of the Community. The archbishop was present at two of these performances and good enough to speak of our work in the most commendatory terms. Bishop Donnelly, Auxiliary of Dublin, and parish priest of Rathgar, Canon Fricker, our parish priest, and other Canons of the Diocese, as well as distinguished people of the locality, have also honoured us by their presence. Without exception, all were charmed by the evident talent of our students. The Press was unanimous in praising us, and devoted considerable space in its columns. We have taken advantage of these performances to hold our prize-giving ceremonies. Among the prizes, we must make mention of four medals – one of gold, offered by Canon Fricker, and three of silver, offered by Fr Provincial, Fr Superior of St Mary's, and Fr James Hickey, one of the most loyal friends of the Congregation in Ireland.

(General Bulletin: March 1894)

The following year, 1895, the annual musical and dramatic entertainment on the occasion of the Distribution of Prizes, took place at Easter, and that was the pattern until the closure of the school in 1916. The archbishop was present on that occasion too. Two other performances deserve mention, if for no other reason than the blanket coverage they received in the national press. The first was in April 1897, and this time the entertainment was the culmination of a bazaar held to raise funds for the transformation of the front field into a proper playing field. This entailed the removal of the remaining trees, apart from those round the boundary wall, the levelling of the field, and the building of the embankment in front of the house. This necessitated the changing of the front avenue, whose graceful sweep had considerably reduced the actual area of play. Instead of coming straight down from the front door for a considerable distance into the field and then sweeping round in a curve to the front gate, the new avenue ran straight across the front

of the house as it does today, before turning down along by the boundary wall to the gate. In the days before JCBs and bulldozers, it was a labour-intensive job, involving men and time, and consequently quite expensive. Hence the recourse to fund-raising projects.

BAZAAR

The bazaar was held largely in the assembly hall, with stalls 'manned' by volunteer ladies from among the parents and friends of the school, and with the usual raffles, wheels-of-fortune, roulette, shooting galleries, and other painless methods of extracting money from the charitable and well disposed.

One intriguing item, novel to modern readers, was the *café chantant*, a refreshment room where "audiences were entertained with vocal and instrumental music by a number of clever young artistes, under the direction of Mrs Sutherland. The conductors were Messrs R. Dwyer and F. C. Jackson".

The second notable performance was in the following year, 1898. This time it was the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Honourable D. Tallon, who was the guest of honour, and made the presentations. The play was *The Athenian Captive* by T. N. Telford, and new ground was broken by the players with an invitation to stage the play in the Catholic Boys' Brigade Hall in Church St. It is of added interest that the Boys' Brigade was one of the forerunners of the Catholic Boy Scouts, an organisation founded in 1927 by two past students of St Mary's, the brothers Fr Tom and Fr Ernest Farrell, both of the Dublin diocese, and both active and generous supporters of the college and the Past Pupil's Union all their lives, whose work for the college is commemorated every year in the gold medals awarded for Religious Studies and Good Conduct.

GAMES

Odd as it may sound to some who have the idea that rugby is the main item on the menu at St Mary's, there is very little on record for that decade. This may be explained to some extent by the fact that it was not until 1898 that the last of the trees were removed from the front field, leaving enough space for a proper football pitch. The earliest description of the property already quoted, speaks of the house being sited on a hill, and there is still today a considerable slope from the house to the road, as many a visiting football team found to their cost, as they defended the Rathmines Road end and found themselves trying in vain to claw their way out of the corner. Well-placed touch kicks could keep them penned into the lower corner for an entire half. And many a hundred yard sprinter on sports day wondered why he had a problem keeping up his momentum to the tape placed at the house end. That slope was even more pronounced before Fr Pembroke levelled the field, cutting into the slope and building the embankment we know today in front of the house, giving spectators a natural viewing point and providing the fill with which to raise the lower part of the field. So, you could say that for the first eight years, St Mary's had no proper place on which to play organised football, although there is no doubt that they did play rugby and did play against other schools.

The small numbers in the beginning, and, in fact, for the next sixty years, were also a factor in trying to field fifteen-man teams, especially in a game where size was a decided advantage, as in all body-contact sports. As late as 1940, there were only 14 boys in 6th Year, and half of those were ineligible as being non-sport-oriented. It was not until the late '50s when the College became a two-stream school, giving greater depth of choice, that St Mary's began to compete successfully in the later stages of the inter-schools cup competitions against the much bigger schools like Blackrock with its quadruple streams. Day schools had the added disadvantage of comprising weedy, city-types, as against the



*Senior Boys c.1894.
Cycling was a popular sport
at that time.*

*The St Mary's Cricket
Club, 1898, which
contains a couple
of prefects.
Back Row: T. O'Donnell,
P. Evans, Fr O'Byrne,
Fr W. English, N. Garland
Seated: Unknown,
Fr. D. O'Brien, B. Kinahan,
T. Farrell, T. Little
Front Row: S. O'Hare,
W. O'Hare*



*St Mary's SCT, 1898.
Entered for Leinster
Schools Senior Cup
for the first time.*

*Back Row: T. Farrell,
P. Byrne,
X. McCabe,
B. O'Donnell,
M. Murphy,
M. Kennedy,
T. O'Donnell
Seated: B. Hogan,
B. O'Brien,
J. Brennan, capt.,
J. Dodd, B. Kinahan
Front: J. Rooney,
N. Garland, T. Little*

beefier boarders from a rural environment. Thankfully, increased affluence and access to a better diet in the cities, have eliminated that imbalance over the past thirty years or so, with the result that the number of schools that can hope to compete at the top level has increased enormously, and with it, the competitiveness of the competitions.

However, rugby was not the only game played. Early photos show that gymnastics, at which the school was later to excel, would appear to have been practised from the earliest days. In a letter as early as July 7, 1891, Fr Fogarty listed "the gear for physical culture" among the items for which he needed to borrow money.

Cricket is also mentioned from the earliest descriptions: "... Alongside the avenue, there is a field of sufficient size to allow the playing of 'football' and 'cricket'."

Brief biographies of some of the boys who were in the college in that decade, mention that they were proficient in rugby or cricket. We do have a newspaper account of a junior cricket match with Blackrock in the middle of the decade. The match was played at St Mary's and resulted in a win for St Mary's, 72-45. Notable in St Mary's team was John Dudley Digges who went on to become one of the founding players of the Abbey Theatre and carved out a niche for himself as a character actor on the New York stage and in Hollywood films. Also on the team were Dan Molony and Joseph Dwyer who were ordained for the Dublin diocese, and George Arigho whose grandnephew became a Holy Ghost Father and his nephew a stalwart of St Mary's RFC.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, RATHMINES, JUNIOR XI				BLACKROCK COLLEGE JUNIOR XI.—This match was played on the grounds of St. Mary's, and resulted in a win for Rathmines by 27 runs. / Score—			
ST MARY'S.				BLACKROCK.			
G Arigho b E Ryan	...	...	9	A Briscoe b Harrison	...	...	10
L Flanagan c Halpin b Ryan	...	...	2	L Kerr b Harrison	...	...	5
A Harrison c Kerr b M'Namee	...	...	8	J Galvin b L Molloy	...	...	4
R Molloy b M'Namee	...	...	5	F Ryan c Digges b Harrison	...	...	0
J Digges b M'Namee	...	...	29	P M'Namee b Harrison	...	...	11
E Slattery b Ryan	...	...	0	J M'Guinness b Molloy	...	...	2
J Kelly b Ryan	...	...	0	J Jennings b Harrison	...	...	1
D Molony, not out	...	...	5	J Halpin b Molloy	...	...	0
W Curran b Ryan	...	...	2	J Ndonan, run out	...	...	1
L Molloy b Ryan	...	...	3	E Hamilton b Harrison	...	...	5
J Dwyer c M'Guinness b M'Namee	...	...	2	F Carr b Harrison	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	7	Extras	...	...	6
Total	...	...	72	Total	...	...	45

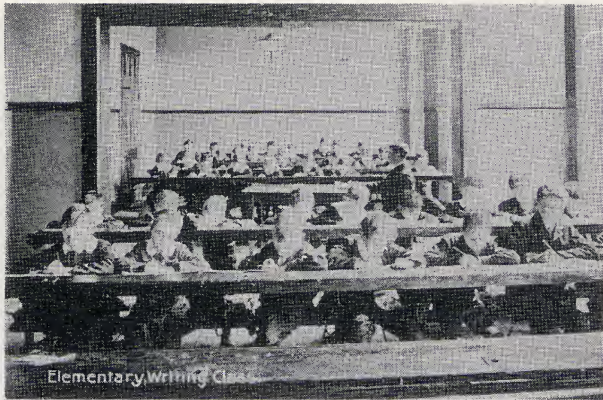
That same description just quoted also says: "... Behind the buildings is another field, surrounded by a circular cycle-track."

Since the invention of the pneumatic tyre in 1889 by John Boyd Dunlop, who lived on Ailesbury Road, and its manufacture in the world's first tyre factory in Upr Stephen's St, Dublin (a plaque marks the building today. Ed.) cycling had become one of the most popular sports in the country, even more popular than it is today, despite the exploits of Sean Kelly, Stephen Roche, Martin Earley and others. It was catered for in St Mary's by this cycle track which covered half the back field (which was under grass until 1953 when it was tarmacadammed). The track can clearly be seen in Ordnance Survey maps.

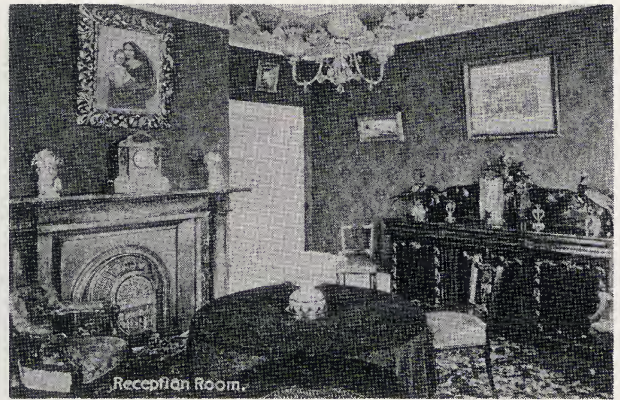
A short paragraph in the report to the Mother House on the first two years of the College reads: "Our recreation field allows us to give athletic pursuits the place which is their due, and our students rival the best in other educational establishments in these activities."

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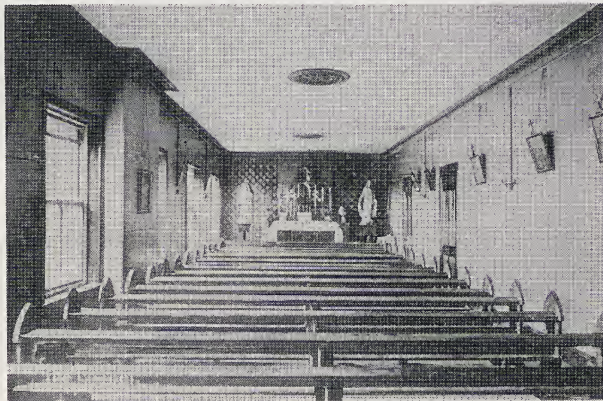
As early as 1895, we find the first hint at the possibility of closing down St Mary's for lack of staff. It would appear that the President, Fr Fogarty, had written to the Superior General, Very Rev. Fr Emonet, in almost ultimatum terms, demanding more men and declaring that they could not afford to pay any more lay teachers, although, at the time, they had only



Two classrooms off the hall with partition open



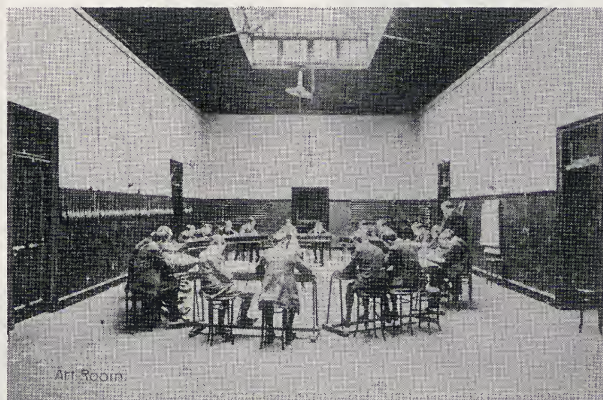
College Parlour



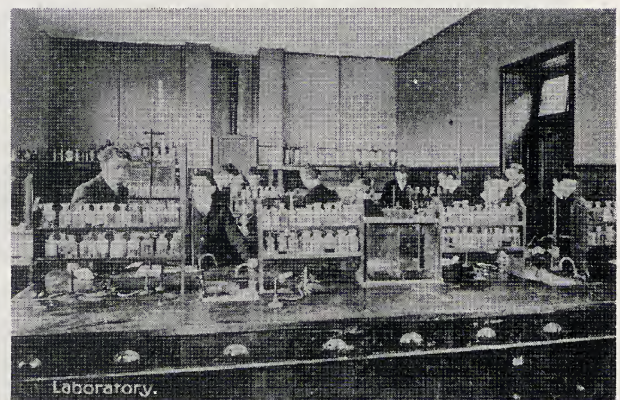
College Chapel



Drill Class in hall – barbells



Art Class in hall



Science Laboratory



Singing Class



Drill Class – Indian clubs

one, with six Fathers and four Prefects. In his letter, Fr Fogarty enumerated the number of hours every member of the staff spent teaching, which was 4½ or 5. Even the President had 4 hours, and the two Deans, 4½ each.

In a reply to the Irish Provincial, the Secretary to the Superior General, Fr Huvetys, a former President of Blackrock College (1880-1889), declared:

Spirits seem to be very roused at Rathmines . . . They are literally overwhelmed according to the time-table they sent . . . They declare it is impossible to pay another lay teacher . . . We must examine if there is not a case for the suppression of Rathmines next year, for want of staff. But it will be good to find the means to keep things going until then.

(Letter: 21 October 1895)

The situation was compounded within weeks by the deterioration in health of Fr Con O'Rourke, threatened with TB. Two doctors said that he should not spend another winter in Ireland. The Mother House was worried about the general health of the community because of overwork. Fr Huvetys wrote: "The Superior General to be elected next May will have to occupy himself with the reduction of establishments in Ireland. For lack of staff, to our regret, a radical decision will have to be made. But right now we have to fill the needs of the present year. We cannot think of abandoning the day school *hic et nunc*. That would be a disgraceful collapse . . ."

THE PAST STUDENTS ORGANISE

Past Pupils Union

The first hint of organisation among the past pupils is given in the General Bulletin of the Holy Ghost Fathers published in Paris in May 1899 and containing a report of the College activities from February 1898. The last paragraph of the report states:

To preserve the bonds that unite our past students with one another and with the College, a Union has been formed among them which will contribute much, it is hoped, to the prosperity of the work.

The precise date of the foundation of the Union is not given, nor have we any details regarding the officers or the rules. All that we can say with any certainty is that it was formed after February 1898 and before May 1899.

The Rugby Club

The following year saw the formation of the Past Students Rugby Football Club. We have an eye-witness account of this from the first captain of the club, Jim Brennan, who wrote an account of his schooldays and early career for the College Annual of 1963. He told us that the club was formed on October 1, 1900, with the help of the new President of the College, Dr Edward Crehan, who had replaced Fr Fogarty a few months previously. Dr Crehan refereed the first match the club, christened Old St Mary's, ever played, in that same October 1900 in the college front field. All of which makes the club as old as the century, if not a century old. The club immediately affiliated with the Leinster Branch, IRFU, and entered for the Junior competitions, and until 1911, practised and played all home matches on the College field. The subsequent history of the club will be told as it unfolded. Just now we are interested in the first decade, up to 1900.



St Mary's Past Pupils RFC, 1894.

Probably taken before a Past v Present match, hence the Blackrock jerseys.

Standing: J. McGurk (prefect), M. Buckheidt (prefect), J. Joyce, J. J. O'Reilly (prefect), Unknown, L. Mooney, J. Martin, C. McGlade.

Seated: Unknown, R. Molloy, J. O'Brien, J. Mooney, L. Molloy, J. O'Neill (prefect), D. Swan.

The Cricket Club

In that same account of the early days of the college and its past students, Jim Brennan states that for a few years prior to the foundation of the rugby club, a Past Students Cricket Club had been in existence, fielding a number of teams, with which he himself played. Unfortunately, no record of this club has come to light. We know it did not reach senior status, because outstanding old boy cricketers like Bob Kinahan, a contemporary of Jim Brennan and captain of the School XI, had to join other clubs to gain senior competition. Bob himself was a regular on the Leinster Cricket Club senior team.

THE FRUITS

So far in our history of St Mary's in that eventful first ten years, we have dwelt on the material development of the property, and of the intellectual development of the students. A word about their spiritual development, and the means used to effect it, may not be out of place, particularly when we discover that it produced such excellent vocations to the priesthood for the diocese of Dublin.

From the very outset, before there was room for the community to live at the college, a chapel was provided in one of the scarce rooms. A larger and more permanent chapel was incorporated into the plans for 1891. It was situated on the first floor of the new east wing, above the classrooms which faced onto the back field, and ran the whole length of the wing. This served as the college chapel until the magnificent new chapel was completed in 1954, which so handsomely balances the old frontage of the school. Today, that space, once filled by the old chapel, contains three bedrooms and a store, but for almost sixty years it was the centre of spiritual activity for generations of Mary's boys, who crowded in on Saturday mornings for Benediction and confessions, and a talk by one of the Fathers. It was the scene of the ordination to the priesthood of the late Archbishop of Dublin, John Charles McQuaid, and of Fr Joe Gilmore, first Dean of the Junior School and later President of the College; and of the first Mass of at least one newly ordained past pupil, whose bed stands today where the altar rail once was.

The following are the students of that decade who went on to the priesthood:

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Career</i>
Francis Molony	(1890-94)	1900	Dublin Diocese
Joseph Dwyer	(1890-94)	1901	Dublin Diocese
Daniel Molony	(1890-96)	1902	Dublin Diocese
Michael Dwyer	(1890-96)	1903	Dublin Diocese
Thomas Molony	(1890-98)	1904	Leeds Diocese
Percy McGough	(1893-96)	1905	Dublin Diocese
Thomas Farrell	(1892-98)	1907	Dublin Diocese
Michael Murphy	(1894-99)	1907	Dublin Diocese
Paul Rafter	(1899-04)	1911	Dublin Diocese

Daniel Molony

The honour of being the first pupil to enrol in St Mary's the first day it opened has traditionally been accorded to Daniel Molony, the son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Molony of 10 Castlewood Park, Rathmines. With him were his three brothers, Frank, Tom and Harry. It is quite remarkable that three of them became priests. Daniel and Frank joined the Dublin diocese, while Tom went to Sheffield in England. Frank became a doctor of divinity in Rome, but died tragically young in the great 'flu epidemic of 1918. Dan went to Clonliffe College on leaving St Mary's in 1896, and, after two years' philosophy, went to Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1902. He was chaplain in Warrenmount Convent and curate successively in Bray and Howth, until his appointment to Donnybrook in 1907 where he remained as curate and later parish priest for the rest of his life.

In his schooldays, Dan had been a keen rugby player and cricketer, and that same energy characterised his pastoral work. He was charged with the organisation and direction of the Eucharistic Congress in 1932, which was Ireland's greatest manifestation of the ancestral faith in her entire history, and has been equalled since only by the visit of Pope John



V. Rev. Canon D. Molony, P.P.



V. Rev. Joseph Dwyer, P.P.

Paul II in 1979. The resounding success of the Congress which is one of the focal points of Irish history, like Clontarf, Kinsale, the Boyne, the Famine, is a lasting monument to the organisational ability and the imagination of Monsignor Canon Molony. He became Administrator of Donnybrook in 1932 and parish priest two years later. He became a member of the Metropolitan Chapter in 1935, and its Treasurer in 1947. He died on June 21, 1950 at the age of 74.

Thomas Molony

The second brother, Thomas, went to the diocese of Leeds and became a parish priest in Sheffield until he retired to the Mercy Convent, Button Hill, where he died in 1968.

Joseph Dwyer

Joseph Dwyer and his brother Michael, sons of Mr and Mrs Joseph Dwyer, 2 Rathgar Road, also came to St Mary's on opening day. Joseph, the elder, stayed four years before going to Clonliffe College, where he remained till 1898, taking a B.A. Hons in Mental and Moral Philosophy from the Royal University, before going on to the Irish College in Rome, where he was ordained in 1901 in St John's Lateran by Cardinal Respighi. He returned to Ireland to be made dean of Clonliffe for three years and then, successively, curate in Haddington Road, the Pro-Cathedral, Dalkey, University Church, and finally, parish priest in Glasnevin. His eight years in the Pro Cathedral had undermined his health somewhat, but the four years in the more salubrious surroundings of Dalkey restored him and he spent sixteen years in University Church until 1932. In Glasnevin he was given the task of building a new church on Griffith Avenue (which had been laid out by another past pupil, Rory O'Connor) at the then colossal cost of £62,000, and three schools in the burgeoning suburb of Larkhill, at a cost of £115,000. His brilliant success in all these endeavours was the measure of the man. He became a Canon in 1941 and died on March 18, 1953.

Michael Dwyer

Joseph's brother, Michael, younger by two years, arrived at the gates of St Mary's at the same time but stayed two years longer. He went to Clonliffe and was ordained in 1903 in the Pro Cathedral by Archbishop Walsh. After a few months in Greystones, he spent seven years in Fairview before becoming chaplain to the archbishop for nine years and secretary, first to Archbishop Walsh for two years and then to Archbishop Byrne for one year before his appointment as curate in Haddington Road for eleven years. He was then made parish priest of Seville Place for five years and finally parish priest in Beechwood Avenue in 1938 until his death in 1940.

Thomas Farrell

Tom Farrell was the son of Mr and Mrs Farrell of Richmond House, Mt Pleasant Avenue, and came to St Mary's in 1892. He did not have far to travel. The Irish proverb maintains that the nearer to the church, the further from God, but the home of Tom Farrell could not have been closer to St Mary's than the heart of Tom all through his life. With his younger brother, Ernest, he epitomises the ideal past pupil – not merely interested in everything that goes on in the college and around it; not merely interested in the activities of the past students, but prepared at all times to do anything asked of him in time, money or work, to advance those interests. He always maintained that at school he was just one of the 'vulgus', as he called the general mob, but we know from the prize list in his final year that he was a prize-winner; and he was also one the foremost actors in the school, taking a



V. Rev. Thomas Farrell, P.P.



V. Rev. Percy McGough, P.P.

leading role and earning special commendation for *The Athenian Captive*, the first school play to go 'on tour'! He was a member of the first ever SCT to play in the Leinster Schools Senior Cup in 1898. He left that year to go to Clonliffe, where he was ordained in 1907 and appointed to Arklow where he stayed a year before going to Meath St for twelve years and then to the Pro Cathedral for nineteen years. He was made administrator of the Pro in 1939, but just months later was transferred to Dolphin's Barn. While he was in Meath St he founded Our Lady's Hostel for Working Girls, and it was during his stint in Marlborough St that he founded, with the help of his brother, Fr Ernest, the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland in 1927, of which he remained National Chaplain until his death in 1940.

Percy McGough

Percy McGough, son of Mr and Mrs R. McGough, of 5 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, arrived as a thirteen-year old in the third year of the school's existence, and left three years later for Clonliffe, where he did a three-year course in philosophy before going to the Irish College at Rome, where he obtained his B.D. from Propaganda College, and was ordained by Msgr Ceppetelli in 1905. On his return to Ireland he was chaplain to St Michael's Hospital, Kingstown, for two years and then nine years in Celbridge until his appointment to Haddington Road in 1916. He remained there as curate for nineteen years until sent as parish priest to Harold's Cross in 1935. Here he was responsible for building the parish schools in Clareville Road and the magnificent Church of Our Lady of the Rosary at the top of Leinster Road. He became a Canon in 1950 and died in 1954.

Michael Murphy

Michael Murphy came to St Mary's in 1894 as a thirteen-year old and remained until 1899, when he went to Clonliffe College and obtained his B.A. from the Royal University. He

did his theology in Maynooth and was ordained in 1907 by Archbishop Walsh. A short spell in Celbridge was followed by three years in Greenane, county Wicklow, before a transfer to nearby Ashford where he spent another three years, and thence to Skerries for two years before ending up in the Pro Cathedral for twenty years as curate and three as administrator, where for most of the time he had with him his fellow-student, Fr Tom Farrell. In 1939 he was transferred to Iona Road as parish priest, where he died in 1945. He is remembered as outstanding in the classroom and a powerful forward in the school rugby team.

Paul Rafter

Paul Rafter was born in 1886 and came to St Mary's at the age of eleven in 1897. He passed his Preparatory Grade in 1900 and his Junior Grade with Honours in 1902, and his Middle Grade, also with honours in 1903. As frequently happened in those days, he did not wait on to do his Senior Grade but was admitted to Clonliffe College in 1904 and ordained in the Pro Cathedral by Archbishop Walsh in 1911. His first appointments were to Coolock, then a rural village in north county Dublin in 1912, and Greystones in 1915. In February 1915 he became an army chaplain and served in the Great War, returning in 1919 to Greystones once more as a curate until his transfer to Westland Row in 1924, where he became administrator in 1943 for two years and then parish priest Dalkey in 1945. He was appointed to the Metropolitan Chapter and made a Canon in 1960. He died in August 1967.

Nine vocations to the priesthood in ten years, eight of them to the Dublin diocese, would seem a satisfactory harvest for a school that had only just started, even if none of these vocations was for the religious congregation in charge of the school. The Holy Ghost Fathers received only two vocations from St Mary's in the twenty-five years before the temporary closure, as against eleven for the diocesan clergy and six for other religious orders. But when the school re-opened in 1926, four of the first six vocations were for the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, as against two for the Dublin diocese, showing, perhaps that the Fathers were known now, not just as priests in general, but as priests belonging to a specific order, with a specific life-style and life-work. The preponderance of Holy Ghost vocations in the succeeding years tends to bear this out, because there has never been any change in the 'soft-sell' approach to the nurturing of vocations that has always characterised the school.

*David O'Brien, CSSp,
with Junior boys,
1897.*



Chapter Five

1900-1904



President
Dr Edward Crehan

REVEREND FATHERS

John Kingston (1870-1939) – Professor	Richard Dooley (1869-1909) – Professor
Thomas O'Hanlon (1862-1939) – Professor	John O'Hart (1868-1934) – Professor
Martin Moloney (1876-1930) – Professor	Michael Kelly (1866-1922) – Professor
John J. O'Reilly (1871-1957) – Professor	Patrick Walsh (1876-1946) – Professor
John Stephens (1839-1916) – Professor	

REVEREND BROTHERS

Epiphanius O'Leary (1848-1925)	Agricolus Kennedy (1849-1926)
Honorius McGeever (1846-1928)	Gontran Meehan (1850-1919)
Canute Heerey (1839-1916)	Austin Tobin (1880-1940)
Dunstan Dunne (1851-1905)	

REVEREND PREFECTS

Edward O'Shea (1878-1967)	Michael Cremin (1880-1954)
William English (1878-1910)	Michael McGrath (1882-1961)
James Dowling (1881-1946)	Denis Fahey (1884-1954)
John Foley (1878-1927)	

LAY STAFF

Robert F. Walsh (1900-1911) – Drawing	H. L. Hart (1902-1911) – Drill
Robert O'Duffy (1901) – Irish	James Clandillon (1901-1902) – Irish
McHardy Flint (1901) – Drama, Elocution	Robert O'Dwyer (1901-1910) – Singing
Michael O'Connor	



Members of the College Community, 1903

*Standing: John Foley; Bro. Honorius; Patrick Walsh; Michael McGrath; Michael Cremin
Seated: John O'Hart; John Kingston; Dr Edward Crehan; John J. O'Reilly; Martin Moloney*

Rev. Dr Edward Crehan

Edward Crehan was born in Clonmel, county Tipperary, in 1862, the son of John Crehan and Margaret Dwyer. He went to Blackrock College as a junior scholastic and obtained his Senior Grade in 1879, winning an Exhibition. He was an excellent sportsman, excelling in gymnastics in particular, but a footballer too, winning his place on an Irish Youths XV. He was a prefect in the Castle, Blackrock, for four years, 1880-1884, while continuing his studies. He matriculated in 1881, winning an Exhibition, as also in First and Second Arts. He graduated in 1884 from the Royal University and went to France to pursue his philosophical studies. The following year he was transferred to Rome where he obtained his Ph.D. and D.D., winning the gold medal for scripture. He was ordained in 1889 and following his novitiate year, was professed as a Holy Ghost Father in 1890 and sent to Rockwell where he combined the posts of Dean of Studies and Discipline, while at the same time teaching full-time classes in mathematics and Italian.

He was a most dynamic personality, as many are who are short in stature. But he was very strongly built, which earned him the nickname of 'Busty' among the boys. A kindly man at heart, he could, and did, inspire awe among the boys, particularly on Monday mornings when it came to 'Notes'. Many a delinquent student quaked in his shoes awaiting the summons: "Stand up, you wretched boy!"

He was interested in all athletic pursuits, but gymnastics was his first love, and it was no coincidence that during his presidency St Mary's laid the foundation of a tradition in gymnastics which lasted down the years, from the time they won the Gymnastic Shield six times in a row (1903-1909) until the sport died out in the 1930s, leaving St Mary's the holders of the magnificent shield which still graces the parlour. Dr Crehan did not begin the sport in St Mary's. We have already seen that it was practised from the earliest days, but it was his enthusiasm and encouragement that brought it to such a peak.

He was President of St Mary's for four years until 'demoted' to President of Blackrock in 1904. He was Provincial Superior of Ireland from 1907 till 1910 and then President of St Mary's, Trinidad, until 1920. A spell as General Counsellor in the Mother House saw him in Paris until 1925 when he returned to Rockwell as President. His nine years in Rockwell were marked by an extensive building project, including a new wing which was christened the Crehan Memorial Building. In 1934 he went to Blackrock and taught class until his retirement through illness. He died in January, 1939.



Among the new names on the staff list was that of Fr Tom O'Hanlon who spent from 1891 to 1903 teaching in Blackrock College. After just one year in St Mary's he was appointed president in place of Dr Crehan who became President of Blackrock. James Dowling and Denis Fahey were prefects who later returned to St Mary's after ordination, but not immediately. We shall encounter both of them later, Denis as Assistant Director Philosophers, 1917-1924, when St Mary's was the House of Philosophy for the Holy Ghost Fathers, and Fr Dowling in many capacities after the re-opening in 1926. Michael Cremin of Valentia Island, county Kerry, was a prefect from 1902 to 1906, when he decided that he had no vocation to the priesthood. He transferred to Rockwell where he spent the rest of his career until his death in 1954 as a successful teacher of music and botany. Michael McGrath was another prefect who decided that he did not have a vocation for the Holy Ghost Fathers and left. However, he felt he still had a vocation to the priesthood. He was from Kilkenny and did his secondary studies in Rockwell. On leaving St Mary's he went to St John's Seminary in Waterford where he was ordained in 1908 for Clifton Diocese, Wales. In 1919 he made one more attempt to join the Holy Ghost Fathers and went to the noviciate in Kimmage where Fr Hugh Evans was novice master, but again decided against it. He returned to Wales where he spent eleven years in Clifton, Flint, Aberysthwyth and Bangor. He was appointed Bishop of Menevia in 1935 and five years later was translated to Cardiff as archbishop, where he remained until his death in 1961 at the age of 79.

Among the lay staff of whom we have information, Seamus Clandillon was one of the

*Irish Schools
Gymnastics Champions,
1904*

Standing: B. Scanlon;
J. Farrell; J. Coffey;
H. L. Harte (Instructor);
T. O'Loughlin;
F. Flanagan; F. Jules.
Seated: J. Byrne;
N. Davisson;
I. Magennis; M. Scanlon.
Front: G. Becker;
A. Ingoldsby.



many fine teachers and speakers of Irish who were engaged during the early years of the school. We shall come across him again when we come to speak of the college's link with the fledgling Irish broadcasting service. Seamus was the first director when Ireland started broadcasting in 1926, followed by two St Mary's past students, Tom Kiernan and Jim Brennan. The McHardy-Flints were a husband-and-wife team of theatrical managers who taught elocution in the city's schools during the Winter months and took their fit-up touring company to the towns and villages round the country, presenting Shakespeare and the classical dramas as well as farce and melodrama, as Anew McMaster and others did subsequently. Robert O'Dwyer was an accomplished musician who went on to lecture in the music department in UCD, where he produced an opera of his own composition, which was later published, as well as other works.

The new century began with a new president of the college. In August 1900, Fr Crehan replaced Fr Fogarty, who went to Clareville House, Blackrock, to join the propaganda team in publicising the missions and raising funds for them. It was an awkward time for anyone to take over a secondary school in Ireland, because from 1901 until 1903, the Department of Education was reorganising the Intermediate syllabus and instituting a new system of inspection. However, it does not seem to have hampered his efforts to any great extent, to judge by the report made by the new president to the Mother House a few years after his appointment:

The changes in secondary teaching in operation in 1902 did not favour us initially. Besides, our classes were not particularly strong at that time. However, the results of the last examinations have been published, and, to our great joy, for us they have been better than the previous year. In 1902 sixteen pupils succeeded in the examinations, of whom two were Senior Grade. This year it was 28, of whom 11 were Senior Grade. We had, besides, First Place in Science, an Exhibition in Senior Grade and two in Middle Grade. Besides, and this is very important for our finances, our Results Fees will be at least double.

The rivalry between schools seems to have been intense in those days, not just between Catholic and Protestant schools, but between the various Catholic schools too. Every year the official report published the allocations given to the various schools the previous year. Since these were in proportion to the results in the examinations, they were an accurate barometer of that success. The following list was sent to the Mother House to show just how successful the Holy Ghost colleges had been in 1903.

<i>Boarding Schools</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Blackrock College (C.S.Sp.)	35,235frs
Rockwell College (C.S.Sp.)	30,415frs
Clongowes Wood (S.J.)	30,230frs
Castleknock Coll. (C.M.)	16,965frs
<i>Day Schools</i>	
St Mary's College (C.S.Sp.)	9,828frs
Belvedere College (S.J.)	9,606frs

The following year, 1904, out of about 9,000 pupils who sat the Intermediates in all four grades throughout the country, about 5,400 were successful, i.e. about 60%. St Mary's presented 46 for examination and 25 were successful, or 54%. The following table shows the success rate for the college from 1896 onwards.



*First Communion Group, 1903
John G. Gogan, 3rd from the right, standing
Tom Kiernan, 1st from the left, seated*



*Confirmation Class, 1903
Back Row: J. McGuinness; F. Kennedy; P. Hayden; F. Flanagan; D. Page; Connolly;
Unknown; G. Ennis; Connolly.
Middle Row: P. Foley; E. R. Farrell; T. Gogan; H. Evans; Aylward; Callaghan; J. Cassidy.
Seated: Aylward; Unknown; N. Davison; Michael Cremin, CSSp; F. Kenny;
T. Maloney; O'Carroll; W. O'Reilly.*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Presented</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Prizes</i>
1896	56	33	58%	
1897	50	27	54%	4 Exhibitions 2 Prizes
1898	47	30	63%	5 Exhibitions 3 Prizes
1899	41	33	80%	1 Exhibition 10 Prizes
1900	47	34	70%	2 Exhibitions 9 Prizes
1901	47	27	57%	1 Exhibition 2 Prizes
1902	43	18	41%	5 Exhibitions 1 medal: 1st Place
1903	41	28	68%	1 Exhibition 3 Prizes
1904	46	25	54%	2 Exhibitions 3 Prizes
1905	52	37	74%	1 Exhibition 1 Prize
1906	46	31	67%	3 Prizes
1907	50	31	62%	2 Exhibitions 10 Prizes
1908	42	29	69%	9 Prizes
1909	37	26	70%	2 Exhibitions 3 Prizes
1910	45	31	68%	2 Exhibitions 2 medals: 5 Prizes
1911	51	29	56%	2 Exhibitions 2 Prizes
1912	51	30	58%	3 Exhibitions 1 Medal: 7 Prizes
1913	39	11	28%	
1914	47	23	48%	2 Exhibition 2 Medal: 3 Prizes 1 1st Place
1915	37	15	40%	
1916	36	18	50%	3 Exhibitions 1 Medal: 3 Prizes 1 scholarship

SCHOOL DRAMATICS

We saw earlier on how that first decade of the existence of St Mary's was adorned by the quality of the dramatic displays presented by the students. The tradition, born in the 1890s, was nurtured and grew in the following years, and remained a feature of the college until the closure in 1916. It is mentioned with pride in every report to the Mother House.

*Senior Boys,
1903*



Junior Boys, 1903.
Back Row: H. O'Keefe;
J. Butler; Unknown;
F. Jules; B. Russell;
P. Nolan; Gaynor;
Unknown.
Middle Row:
M. Scanlon; Unknown;
W. O'Reilly; P. O'Neill;
F. C. Kenny;
J. Musgrave; L. Russell;
H. O'Neill; Fitzpatrick.
Seated: W. Tierney;
B. Farrell; Unknown;
C. Farrell; Unknown;
Unknown.
Front: C. Moore;
Unknown; K. O'Kelly;
Unknown; D. Ryan.

Junior Boys, 1903.
Back Row: Unknown;
P. Black; J. Gogan;
Hyde Curran; Unknown;
Unknown.
Middle Row: F. Byrne;
Ml. Lynch; Unknown;
Unknown; Unknown;
Unknown;
Jos. Faulkner;
W. Nolan; Unknown.
Seated: M. Becker;
P. Greeney; Wl. O'Kelly;
Moloney; Unknown;
A. Hill.
Front: F. Brickell;
Unknown; E. Healy;
Unknown; G. Ennis.





School Play *The Merchant of Venice*, 1903

1903

We continue to give to our theatrical presentations the greatest perfection possible, as much for the good effect they produce on the public as for the good that they do for the students themselves. They presented, this year, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, in a way that drew the admiration of a numerous and distinguished audience.

GAMES

1900-1904

When speaking of Dr Crehan, who was president from 1900 to 1904, mention was made of his interest particularly in gymnastics, at which he himself was reputedly proficient. He did not introduce the sport to St Mary's; we have already seen in the early photographs, gymnastic equipment on the ground, and the itemising by Fr Fogarty of gymnastic equipment as contributing to the rising debt on the school. But Dr Crehan certainly gave the sport an impetus that quickly bore fruit in competition. His own report to the Mother House tells the story vividly:

Our students are proud of a magnificent victory they gained this year over Belvedere in the Gymnastic Competition. This competition was established six years ago by the Gymnastic Society of Ireland to encourage in the schools what is called physical culture. Every school is represented by twelve pupils, who must not be over fifteen years of age. Until now, the Jesuit day school, Belvedere, has always carried off the first prize, which has acquired for them a very great name in the city as the school where physical education receives the attention it merits.

Last year, our boys entered for the first time; and did well enough to obtain second place, covering themselves with glory for their proficiency in the various exercises. This year an intense struggle was expected between the two colleges; it was said that this would be the decisive combat. It took place in the Gymnastic Hall of the City, before a large gathering of parents and friends of the students. After a two-hour session, the judges announced the result:

St Mary's 295 $\frac{1}{4}$ pts Belvedere 293 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts

The supporters of St Mary's College, Rathmines, burst out with great hurrahs, which were energetically renewed when the young victors came to the President to receive their fine silver medals and the trophy, a very fine shield, which will remain in the college.

Bulletin Général: Nov. 1903

RUGBY

After their initial appearance in the Leinster Schools Senior Cup for the first time in 1899, St Mary's did not field a team again until 1906, so there is nothing to report from that front at this time.

CRICKET

Cricket continued to be played but was not reported in the newspapers to the same extent as rugby. There are no extant papers in the school on the sport.



*Junior School Sports,
c.1904
Stephen Brown can be
seen on extreme right
in front group*

Chapter Six

1904-1916



President
Rev. Fr Thomas P. O'Hanlon

REVEREND FATHERS

John O'Hart (1868-1934)
John Kingston (1870-1939)
Martin Moloney (1876-1930)
Peter Meagher (1875-1954)
John Stafford (1870-1937)
J. J. O'Reilly (1871-1957)
Edward Cleary (1874-1950)
Patrick Walsh (1876-1946)
William English (1878-1910)

James Murphy (1879-1952)
Richard Harnett (1879-1959)
Patrick Coffey (1867-1953)
Neptune Lynch (1880-1933)
Daniel Leen (1883-1941)
Laurence Healy (1856-1938)
Thomas O'Brien (1871-1928)
Joseph Butler (1883-1956)
Martin O'Mahony (1878-1944)

REVEREND BROTHERS

Honorius McGeever (1846-1928)
Francis J. Carey (1840-1919)

Gall Walsh (1851-1941)
Canice Butler (1885-1957)

REVEREND PREFECTS

Cornelius Mulcahy (1886-1941)
Daniel O'Sullivan (1883-1934)
Michael Franklin
John Foley

James Moynihan
Cusack
Loughlin
Muleady

LAY PROFESSORS

Robert F. Walsh (1900-1911) – Drawing
M. O'Connor (1901-1911)
H. L. Hart (1902-1911) – Drill

Robert O'Dwyer (1901-1910) – Singing
Eamonn de Valera (1906-1910) – Maths
J. Burke (1910 Nov/Dec) – Maths

Fr Thomas P. O'Hanlon C.S.Sp.

Thomas P. O'Hanlon was born on St Patrick's Day, 1862, so there are no prizes for guessing what his second name was. He went to the Junior Scholasticate in Rockwell, where he was invested with the religious habit in 1879, and remained on in the College as a prefect at the conclusion of his secondary studies. He then proceeded to France for his studies for the priesthood and was ordained priest in Paris in 1890, the year St Mary's opened. Then followed his novitiate at the end of which he was professed as a Holy Ghost Father and sent to Rockwell to teach. After two years he was transferred to Blackrock where he taught until 1903, holding the post of Dean of Studies from 1896-1899. In 1903 he was appointed to St Mary's where he taught for one year before replacing Dr Crehan as president in 1904. Dr Crehan was transferred to Blackrock as president and Fr O'Hanlon became the third president of St Mary's College, a post he filled admirably for twelve years until the school closed in 1916. He then returned to Blackrock where he taught until his death on October 22, 1939.

THE STAFF

The name of Richard Harnett appears on the Staff list for the first but not for the last time. He later became Provincial Superior and was in the forefront of the move to have the school re-opened in 1926 as we shall see. Fr Dan Leen, the brother of two other famous Holy Ghost Fathers, Archbishop James of Mauritius, and Dr Edward Leen, noted spiritual author and director, returned after the re-opening as the first Dean of



First Holy Communion Group, 1911.

Standing: Unknown; E. Hughes; H. Rossiter; J. Butler; Sheils; J. Sheils; F. Brickell; G. Cussen.

Seated: Becker; Unknown; E. Kilduff; Rev. Tom Farrell; G. Hughes; E. Moore; Unknown.

Front: J. Brickell; R. Browne; D. Dallaghan.



Prize Winners, 1914

Discipline, while Tom O'Brien was back during the closure as editor of *The Missionary Annals* during the 1920s and '30s. Martin O'Mahony was an Irish teacher and scholar who had great influence on at least two future students of the language, Dr Tom Kiernan and Prof Colm O'Lochlainn. Fr Kingston, brother-in-law to Cathal Brugha, 1916 Proclamation signatory, was an outstanding teacher of English Literature, who edited *The Ideal Book of Poetry*, which gave sterling service in the secondary schools throughout Ireland for many years. Fr Stafford became Provincial Bursar and lived in St Mary's for many years when the Provincial Administration was located there. He was the last member of the Administration to move to Kimmage Manor in 1937. Fr William English died tragically. He went swimming at White Rock on the Vico Rd with a number of confreres during the summer holidays, got into difficulties and drowned. Among the lay staff, the name of Eamon de Valera stands out, naturally. It was a time when the newly married young man was cycling about the city from school to school, eking out a living teaching mathematics in various boys and girls schools. St Mary's must share the honour of having him on the staff with any number of other schools.

ACADEMICS

The number of our pupils has been the same for the past few years, varying from 130 to 150. For the most part they are still too young to present themselves for examination, but in proportion to the numbers that do present themselves, St Mary's yields to no day-school nor boarding school in Ireland, from the point of view of success.

Bulletin Général: 1910

The year 1911-12 saw the largest number of pupils in the College to that date – 170. And it was optimistically thought that that number would be maintained if not surpassed because there was a boom in house building in the Rathmines/Terenure area at the time. That optimism was misplaced. From 1910 until 1913 the roll remained at 160 or more, but slumped badly from the beginning of the 1914 war to about 120, rising in the final year before the closure to 140.

Intermediate Exhibitioners and Prize Winners, 1907.



MORIARTY, JAMES.
FLANAGAN, FRED.
MAGENNIS, JAMES.

O'LOUGHLIN, WILLIAM.
SMITH, JAMES.
LYNCH, MICHAEL.

BRICKELL, FRANCIS.
O'GRADY, PATRICK.
O'REILLY, WILLIAM.

Successful Students, Royal University, 1908.



O'CONNOR, ARTHUR. DOBBIN, GERALD. MAGENNIS, JAMES. O'NEILL, BERNARD.
BITTNER, WILLIAM. CUSACK, PATRICK. FLANAGAN, FREDERICK.
M'AULIFFE, MICHAEL. FARRELL, HERBIE. FARRELL, ERNEST.

Distinguished Intermediate Students, 1908.



ALLEN, WILLIAM. MAGENNIS, JAMES. SMITH, CHRISTOPHER.
BERGIN, CHRISTOPHER. SMITH, JAMES.
BLUNDEN, WILLIAM. BRICKELL, FRANCIS. LYNCH, MICHAEL. O'LOUGHLIN, WILLIAM.



Photo by J. J. Toland. Standing—A. J. CULHANE, F. C. CULHANE. Sitting—S. J. TOLAND, B. P. BROWN.

Winners of Inter-College Relay Race, I.A.A.A. Championship Sports, Ballsbridge, Whit Monday, 1912.

Our College retains its position at the head of the day schools in the country. The students who have finished their secondary studies with us, have distinguished themselves in the university examinations; three of them have risen to important professorships in the new National University. At the last examinations, our students won four Grand Prizes – Exhibitions – which is more than any other college in Ireland.

Bulletin General: 1912

The three past students who had become professors in the new National University which opened in 1908 were, Robert Joyce of St Cecilia's Medical School, Pierce Purcell, UCD School of Engineering, and Joseph O'Reilly, Professor of Biology, UCC. These results were obtained in spite of inroads made into the teaching staff by demands from other quarters. In his 1913-14 report, Fr Tom O'Hanlon lays on the irony with a trowel:

Since our last bulletin our staff has been considerably modified. Blackrock needed a new director for the junior scholasticate, our Fr James Murphy was sent to fill the gap. Afterwards, founding a new mission in England was talked about; it was to Fr Coffey and Fr Harnett, both of St Mary's, to whom this foundation was confided. Again, Canada needed a professor of English for senior classes, Fr Lynch, of our community, set out for the New World. Here is the new Irish Novitiate; at its very beginnings it must have the choicest subjects. Another blow! It is we who must furnish them. Mr O'Brien and Mr O'Sullivan, two of our precious prefects and worthy teachers, are detached from St Mary's. Finally, at Blackrock, where it must be said there are a score or more of brothers, one of them dies. They think of filling the vacancy. Our one and only brother, Canice Butler, quite indispensable, a true jack-of-all-trades, was sent for and took the train to Blackrock!

In spite of everything, Providence watches over us.

Our success in public and local examinations has been very satisfactory. This year, three of our pupils have gained degrees with distinctions at the university. Three others have gained scholarships in medicine. Two First



*Annual Sports Day,
1909*

*Annual Sports Day,
1909*



Class Exhibitions have been won by two of our past pupils; one First Place in the Mechanical Science degree, and a bourse worth 3750Fr^s per year for four years, which permits him to continue his studies in different universities in Europe. Three First Class bourses, two in the university and one in the College of Science, have again come to our students; while in the department of commerce, six of our students obtained lucrative positions.

These are results that constitute a roll of honour, I do not say equal to, but very much superior to anything that can be asserted of any day school or college in Ireland.

Bulletin General: 1914

GAMES

The 1904 victory in the gymnastics competition was no flash-in-the-pan. In 1906 we read:

Physical exercises find in St Mary's the important place which is their due. The magnificent trophy which is competed for every year by all the colleges of Ireland in gymnastics, has been won three times in succession by our pupils. Last year they battled with Blackrock for this coveted prize; Rathmines gained a brilliant victory. It proves, in fact, that Blackrock do not monopolise all the trophies of this kind.

Three years later, in 1909 we read:

We continue to encourage physical education at the same time as the intellectual, as is evidenced by the presence in our parlour of two magnificent trophies, one holding its place of honour now for six years . . .

The Gymnastic Shield would appear to have been susceptible to multiple wins, because, following on Belvedere's five-in-a-row, came St Mary's six-in-a-row, and then Mountjoy School's five-in-a-row until 1914 when the competition lapsed because of the Great War until its revival in 1936, when, once again, St Mary's were the winners. Once more the competition lapsed and St Mary's still holds the trophy.



Annual Sports Day, 1912

Athletics, at the end of every academic year, are the occasion of a great and interesting re-union of families. The invitations, sent out by the hundred to the friends of St Mary's, as well as the parents of the pupils, are eagerly received and, thanks to the energetic and intelligent organisation of the Dean of Discipline, Sportsday is really a day that marks an era in the life of the college.

Bulletin: 1910

It is hardly necessary to review at length the question of games and physical development, nor all that gives to college life the stamp of family life – gymnastics, cricket matches, tennis, football, and everything else coming in its proper season and place, which provides the necessary relaxation to develop the physical and intellectual energies.

Moreover, all this is accomplished by frequent competition between the different schools in the city and suburbs, but mostly in the famous "Sports" at the end of the academic year. This takes place at St Mary's before up to two thousand spectators – parents and friends of the pupils, who are usually joined by a large group of the clergy of the city.

On these occasions it is the Lord Mayor, or one of the Vicars General of the Archdiocese, who distributes to the winners the prizes and trophies which are generally presented by the best friends of the college.

Bulletin: 1912

Studies and examinations do not absorb us to the point of neglect of physical formation, to which we give free play. A specialist comes every week to conduct various exercises which are followed by all the pupils. The playing fields are considered within comfortable reach of the boys' homes, and they love to come here to play football, cricket and tennis, in numbers. The college parlour is always adorned with some shield, cup or other trophy won in various games in public competitions.

These brilliant results are due in part at least to the solemnity displayed at the Distribution of Prizes, when more than a thousand invitees are present. The Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, or some ecclesiastical dignitary, presides for the occasion. Other members of the clergy offer the greater number of the prizes.

There is also a laudable spirit of emulation among the pupils, and they maintain with equal fidelity, love of their religion and of their Alma Mater.

General Bulletin: 1914

CRICKET

Cricket continued to be the number one summer sport, although tennis was also played, and the school continued to produce excellent individuals at the game without coming up with a sufficiently strong team to wrest the trophies from the Protestant schools in Leinster who ruled the cricket roost. That is, until 1916, the final year of the school's first existence. That year it all came together just right and St Mary's won their first ever cricket trophy, the Leinster Schools Senior Cup. They had entered the Leinster Schools Cricket League and Cup in 1905 only. In April of that year the Committee of the Leinster Cricket Union "decided to admit St Mary's College, Rathmines, and Belvedere College, to the Cup competition for the season". Both Colleges were to produce excellent cricketers down the years and memorable battles on the field, with each other and with other schools. That 1916 Cricket XI, captained by Bobby Donovan, contained three Inter Pro players, R. L. Donovan, who captained Leinster too, Gabriel Cussen, and Arthur R. Rose. They met St Columba's in the final. The *Irish Times* describes the match:

Low scoring marked the closing stage of this match which ended yesterday at Rathmines with a win for St Mary's College by four wickets. Overnight, St Mary's led on the first innings by just one run, and with eight of the opposing side dismissed in their second innings for sixteen, an easy victory for St Mary's was predicted, but the last two batsmen doubled that score, and ultimately the venture yielded 33 runs. Donovan and Rose again bowled



*Leinster Schools
Senior Cricket
Champions, 1916*

finely, the former taking 5 for 11, and Rose 4 for 21. St Mary's then needed only 32 to win, but with six wickets down for only 5 runs, they did not look like attaining them. Donovan, however, with a fine innings of 33 (7 fours) saved the situation. Indeed, he was the only batsman of the eight who went on to score, the other runs being from a wide! King, bowling magnificently, took four wickets for 2 runs, G.Symes 2 for 28.

Bobby Donovan was the son of Professor Robert Donovan, of UCD, and himself became a Lecturer in English at the University; Gerald Cussen joined the Dominicans and became Provincial Superior in 1940; Ken O'Dea was a brother of comedian Jimmy O'Dea; Cahal O'Hogan was a son of one of the Founders of the Gaelic League.

ST COLUMBA'S VERSUS ST MARY'S

St Columba's	1st Innings	St Mary's	
Deane lbw b Rose	4	Rose b Dean	5
Huggard b Donovan	2	Cussen run out	2
King b Rose	5	Kilduff b King	2
Symes, G. b Donovan	5	Donovan lbw b King	4
Stanton run out	1	Armstrong b King	0
Hughes not out	11	Browne b King	0
Davis c Donovan b Rose	0	Tierney b Symes	16
Symes, L. run out	2	O'Dea run out	3
Jones b Donovan	4	Lynch b Deane	1
Barcroft b Donovan	0	Foster not out	0
McKenny c Lynch b Donovan	3	O'Hogan b Symes	0
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	48	Total	49
2nd Innings			
Deane c Cussen b Donovan	2	Rose lbw b King	0
Huggard c O'Dea b Donovan	3	Cussen c McKenny b Symes	0
King run out	0	Kilduff c Huggard b Symes	0
Symes, G. b Donovan	0	Donovan not out	33
Stanton b Rose	0	Armstrong b King	0
Hughes c Tierney b Rose	3	Browne b King	0
Davis b Donovan	11	Tierney b King	0
Symes, L. b Donovan	0	O'Dea not out	0
Jones c Lynch b Donovan	2	Barcroft b Rose	0
McKenny not out	4		
Extras	1	Extra	1
Total	33	Total (6 wickets)	34

It is always satisfactory to end an era on a winning note.

SCHOOL RUGBY 1900-1916

We have already seen how St Mary's were admitted to the Leinster Schools Senior Cup in the 1898-99 season, when Rathmines School, which occupied No. 24 Lr Rathmines Road, ceased to exist and bowed out of the competition. The proximity of the two schools has caused considerable confusion among historians and readers. St Mary's may possibly have



Senior Cup Team, 1905.

Back Row: B. Condell;
H. Ryan; A. O'Connor;
T. Ready; G. McGann;
Bolger.
Middle Row: P. Gaffney;
M. Bolger; Quinn;
J. Nash; E. Farrell;
Reidy; Unknown.
Front: T. McGann;
L. Allen.



*Senior Cup Team,
1906
E. R. Farrell (Capt)*



Senior Cup Team, 1907.

Standing: G. Dobbin;
A. O'Connor; J. Cregan;
W. Blunden; J. Moriarty;
B. Clancy.
Seated: J. Scully;
P. McGrath; W. Connell;
T. Doyle; B. Farrell;
J. O'Keeffe, J. Clarke.
Front: N. Power;
W. Nolan.

*Senior Cup Team,
1909*



*Junior Cup Team, 1909
Junior Schools Cup
inaugurated 1908-09*

*Standing: E. Donnelly;
J. Beatty; T. Christopher;
M. Lynch; C. Smith;
J. Butler; John Clarke.
Seated: J. Quinn;
J. Doyle; P. Mooney;
P. E. B. Brown (Capt.);
P. Butler; H. Bulger;
A. Spadaccini.
Front: D. Ryan;
Joe Clarke.*

Senior Cup Team, 1910.

*Standing: E. Farrell;
W. McClintock;
M. Clarke; J. Byrne;
F. Culhane; C. Smith;
P. McGrath; P. O'Grady.
Seated: M. Byrne;
A. Ryan; W. O'Reilly;
M. Lynch;
W. O'Loughlin;
P. Nolan; D. Clarke.
Front: A. Brown;
A. Spadaccini.*



basked in the reflected glory of the Leinster Cup won by the Rathmines School in 1891 and the three finals contested by them in 1888, 1892 and 1893. The school was established in 1858 (ante-dating Blackrock by two years) by the Rev. Benson (1836-1919) for the education of sons of the Church of Ireland clergy. The Rev. Benson lived at Elm Park, Nutley Lane, before it became a golf course. The school occupied the house to the city side of Rathmines Catholic Church, which is now occupied by the Parish Ancillary Services. The school ground was behind the house and comprised the land now used by the church car-park, the old parochial schools and the old Bernadette Hall, as well as the site of the present Blackberry Fair. It was a rugby pitch in winter and a cricket pitch in summer and is clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey maps of the time. The school's record in cricket was just as impressive as that in rugby. However, like so many private schools which depend on the zeal and vision of one man, it ceased after his retirement in 1898.

1898-99

St Mary's met St Columba's, Rathfarnham, in the first round of the Leinster Cup in their first season, and despite the presence of a few excellent individuals like Jim Brennan, Bob Kinahan and Tom Farrell, they were decisively beaten. We are fortunate in having a photograph of that historic team, which is noteworthy also for the six-pointed star on the jerseys. In the absence of any earlier photo of the football gear worn, we have to accept that this was the emblem in use until then. All later photos show a five-pointed star as is usual today. That first essay into competitive football showed that St Mary's did not have the sort of numbers to permit the production of a team capable of competing at senior level and it was not until 1906-07 that they appeared again in the competition.

1906-07

The numbers were not all that different from eight years previously, 160 instead of 140, but obviously the material found in them was different, or the balance between the very young and the more mature had improved, because the 1907 team reached the semi-final only to be beaten by the eventual winners, Blackrock. From then until the closure in 1916, St Mary's appeared every year in the competition, reaching the semi-final again in 1909 when they were beaten by St Andrew's 11-6.

1908-09

On February 18, 1909, St Mary's played St Stephen's Green School in the 1st Round of the Senior Schools Cup and won by the colossal score of five goals and six tries to nil. (This school was short-lived). The scorers were Doyle (3), Spadaccini (3), Bolger (2) and John Clarke (1). Doyle kicked the conversions and penalties. They met St Andrew's in the semi-final and were beaten 11-6. The team was: Clarke, Bolger, Butler, Spadaccini, Smith, Doyle, Brown, Lynch, Christopher, Donnelly, Quinn, Butler, Beatty, Ryan, Mooney. Blackrock were held to a draw by Mountjoy in the Final but won the replay 7-0. That year the St Mary's scrum-half, Joseph Clarke (not to be confused with the Joseph B. Clarke capped seven times for Ireland 1922-24 and also a past student) was capped for Leinster against Ulster as St Mary's continued to produce outstanding individual players even from their small numbers.

1910-11

In the 1910-11 season St Mary's were defeated by Mountjoy, one of that year's finalists, in the 2nd round. St Andrew's were the cup-winners that year.

Senior Cup Team, 1911.

Standing: J. Clarke;
C. Culhane; M. Clarke;
K. Joyce; Unknown;
A Spadaccini; Unknown.
Seated: G. Cussen;
J. Butler; F. Culhane;
A. Culhane; Unknown;
S. Boland; F. O'Carroll.
Front: Casey; D. Ryan;
M. Richardson.



*Senior Cup Team,
1912*

*Junior Cup Team,
1912*



1911-12

The 1911/12 season saw Blackrock back again with a winning team. St Mary's defeated High School 6-3 and played a scoreless draw against St Columba's just before the cup campaign. They also produced two Leinster players for the two interprovincials against Ulster and Munster. These were Barry Brown at scrum-half and Frank Culhane at No 8 (or Lock in those days). But the presence of two interpros in the St Mary's team did not stem the tide as Blackrock ran up forty points against them in the cup.

The team was:

P. F. Smith, S. J. Boland, A. J. Culhane (Capt.), P. J. Roddy, N. Murray, B. P. Browne, C. P. Culhane, F. K. Culhane, K. Joyce, G. R. Cussen, W. Pemberton, J. P. Clarke, T. J. Kiernan, L. Reilly, C. O'Dowd.

1912-13

That they were continually at a disadvantage because of their limited pick is shown in the report of their second round match in the Senior Cup against Wesley College on March 3, 1913, which they lost 3-8.

Wesley, much the bigger and heavier side, were expected to win easily, but St Mary's put up a surprisingly good show and half-time arrived with no score. The only good bit of back play took place, Tierney picking up beyond the halfway, sent out to Culhane who made a splendid opening before parting to Roddy, and the latter, running up to Mills, sent O'Grady over for a splendid try, Roddy failing to convert. The St Mary's team, who looked more like an Under-15 side than a senior schools team, gave a splendid display of tackling, backs and forwards. O'Grady, full back, Culhane and Roddy, centres, Tierney, half-back, were the best of the backs; Richardson, Gogan, Pemberton, O'Shea and McLaughlin all showing up well in the forwards.

A week later, Paddy Roddy and Charlie Culhane were on the Leinster Schools team to play Munster, at full-back and scrum-half. Paddy was to go on and play in the centre for Ireland as well as for Leinster as a senior interprovincial. Charlie Culhane would also play



*Senior Cup Team,
1913*

for Leinster, as a centre, but did not gain an international. John McLaughlin was the uncle of the present Provincial Superior of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers Fr Brian McLaughlin, while John Gogan was the father of Fr Gerald Gogan, CSSp and uncle of Fr Brian Gogan, CSSp. Charlie Culhane was the uncle of Fr Frank Culhane CSSp, also a past pupil. This season is noteworthy for the first ever mention of an Under-13 match in the newspapers. In the Sporting Diary for February 4 *Sport* mentions an U-13 match between St Mary's and Earlsfort House School (another short-lived private school). But, unfortunately, there is no follow-up with an account of the match or even a result.

1913-14

In 1914 Charlie Culhane was once more capped as scrum-half and W. P. Murphy in the forwards. When one considers the tremendous advantage that players on cup-winning teams have in displaying their talent, and how much easier it is to look good when served by good team-mates, it was quite an achievement for six St Mary's men to have won their interprovincial spurs while playing with teams of modest talents. St Mary's were beaten in the cup that year 17-0 by Mountjoy who went on to beat Wesley, 3-0, in the Final.

The draw for the last Leinster Schools Senior Cup to be contested before World War I put an end to competitive football for four years was:



Senior Cup Team, 1914.

Standing: *Unknown; Unknown; G. K. Cussen; Unknown; J. White; E. Kilduff.*
 Seated: *J. F. O'Grady; J. Gogan; W. Murphy; C. Culhane; W. McLaughlin; Murphy; O'Shea.*
 Front: *J. Tierney; P. Tierney.*

Schools Cup Draw – 1914

- A. Blackrock v Belvedere
- B. St Andrew's v Knockbeg College
- C. Mountjoy v St Mary's
- D. St Columba's v A
- E. B v Castleknock
- F. Wesley v High School

The "outsider" in that list is obviously Knockbeg College, better known nowadays as a famed Gaelic Football nursery for county Laois but in those days a rugby school. Not many know that!

1915-1916

Schools rugby was very nearly the only rugby played during the 1914-18 war years, and to provide a little more spectator interest in the game in these barren years, the Leinster Branch started a Schools Senior League to fill in the months before the annual cup matches. The only result we have for the year 1915-16 is a 6-9 loss to St Andrew's on December 8. Further variety is lent to the wartime rugby scene by an Under-17 game with Blackrock which 'Rock duly won.

LEINSTER SCHOOLS JUNIOR CUP

Fr J. J. O'Reilly, CSSp had campaigned for some years for the introduction of a Cup Competition for Under-15 schoolboys. While a prefect in St Mary's in the 1890s, J. J. had played senior rugby for Bective Rangers. The Old St Mary's Club had not yet been started and Blackrock were still just a Junior Club. This activity as a player was no handicap to him when he began to campaign for the Junior Cup, and the friends he had made in Bective Rangers and other clubs, as well as his acquaintance with many of the senior administrators of the game in Leinster, helped him considerably. In 1908 the go-ahead was given and in December of that year, the draw for the first competition was published.

LEINSTER SCHOOLS JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP 1908-09

FIRST ROUND

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| A. St Stephen's Green | v | Masonic |
| B. The High School | v | Belvedere |
| C. C U S | v | Mountjoy |
| D. Blackrock | v | Wesley |
| E. St Andrew's | v | Rathmines School |
| F. King's Hospital | v | Clarinda Park |
| G. Terenure | v | Pres. Bray |
| H. St Mary's Rathmines | a bye | |

St Mary's, having received a bye into the 2nd Round, were beaten by Masonic, who had accounted for Stephen's Green School in the 1st Round. St Andrew's defeated Belvedere in the final of that first Junior Cup campaign. It was to be another quarter of a century before St Mary's were to win the cup for the first time.



*Junior Cup Team,
1913*

1912-13

Early in 1913 St Mary's JCT beat Wesley 13-0, but when faced with St Joseph's, Clondalkin, a Carmelite (Disalced) School which closed down some years later, they succumbed 9-3. St Joseph's went on to the final where they were narrowly beaten by Belvedere, 3-0.

1914-15

The absence of club football because of the Great War was probably the reason why Junior Schools football came to be reported in the 1915 papers. There can be no other explanation for the following report on a 1st Round Junior Cup match in the weekly *Sport*:

The initial round of the Junior Schools Cup was completed on Monday last, when at Gorey, St Mary's defeated Mount St Benedict's by three tries to nil. The winners were a bit lucky as, till the last quarter of an hour, they were generally on the defensive. The Gorey boys started at a great pace, and in the first few minutes Comerford dodged over for a try which Power converted. Though the home lot continued to hold the upper hand, the visitors managed to reduce the lead, Hampton getting an unconverted try in a forward rush. The visitors' pack outstayed their opponents and in the last 15 mins, Kilduff sent to Phillips who scored, while Dermot Mc Carthy also scored in a scramble, neither try being converted.

Kilduff, Phillips, Purcell, Browne (backs) and Donal McCarthy, Gogan, McNeill and Hampton played best.

St Mary's met King's Hospital in the semi-final on March 17, of which *Sport* gives the following account:

At Lansdowne Road on Wednesday last, King's Hospital, by defeating St Mary's, qualified for the final of the Junior Schools Cup. It was only by the narrow margin of a placed goal (5pts) to a try (3pts) that the Hospital boys won, and on the general run of the play they were decidedly lucky to come out victorious.

Playing against the wind in the opening half, the Rathmines students had the better of matters, and Rogan and Purcell had dashes for the line but were held up. The interval arrived without a score being registered, but early in the second moiety, a hot attack by King's Hospital ended with Bowden scoring, with Hamilton converting. St Mary's played up splendidly after this reverse and Kilduff was almost over. A minute later the same player broke across for a clever try in a favourable position. The kick was disallowed, however, owing to Kilduff, who was taking the kick, having touched the ball after a "no charge" had been ordered. St Mary's attacked to the end but failed to add to their score.

For St Mary's, Foster, Purcell, Kilduff, Tierney, Gogan, Hampton and Rogan were most conspicuous.

Castleknock were the Junior Cup winners that year, defeating Blackrock in the Final.

1915-16

This was St Mary's last season in Junior Schools football for over ten years. Before Christmas they had drawn with Belvedere 6-6, and beaten Blackrock 3-0, so they were a reasonably good side.

DRAMATICS

Dramatic presentations continued to be a feature of college activity as the following reports to the Mother House show:

1906

Every year our young students present one or other of the great plays of Shakespeare in the college theatre. They have acquired such a reputation for their wonderful dramatic talent that they always draw an audience that is as numerous as it is distinguished. For the past two years, the Archbishop of Dublin has pleased to honour them with his presence.

Last year, at the request of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, *Macbeth* was performed in the Rathmines Town Hall, which brought a nice round sum to the secretary of this worthy charity. It was the turn of the *Merchant of Venice* this year. It was presented on three consecutive days before a gathering of about 500 every evening.

1909

Since our last bulletin, the pupils of St Mary's have performed, with great success, one of the most difficult of Shakespeare's comedies, *Taming of the Shrew*. Our hall can hold about 600 spectators only, so it was necessary to repeat the performance on three consecutive nights. The Archbishop of Dublin, the Vicars General, and a great number of priests honour us with their presence on these occasions, and the newspapers are always full of praise for our pupils.

Successes in examinations were not obtained at the expense of education in the higher and broader sense of a liberal study of literature and the fine arts.

Almost every year our students make their mark in the interpretation of one or other of Shakespeare's great works. Last year they chose the immortal *Hamlet*. Because of the smallness of the hall, it had to be given three times. Then, for a fourth time, our young actors appeared before an audience of 1600 people in the Town Hall, in a performance in aid of the poor.

THREAT OF CLOSURE

The crisis of 1898 which threatened to close the College was averted by the visit of the new Superior General, Archbishop Le Roy, who was convinced by his on-the-spot inspection and interviews with the Fathers of the viability of the project, and nothing is heard of financial problems in any of the reports submitted to the Mother House right up to the closure.

At the same time, the debt at the time of the Superior General's visit continued to increase simply by not being paid off. As there is no evidence of any outcry either from the Mother House or the College, we can only assume that the College was succeeding in maintaining its head above water in the matter of the day-to-day expenses, without being able to make any headway in reducing the debt. The number of pupils never reached the figure where the running of the school became a profitable exercise. The figure of 200 was aimed at by Fr Fogarty from early on, but the nearest approach to that magical number was the 170 on the roll in 1913, which was not maintained, dropping to as low as 140 later. And we know that there were no major capital works attempted during those years. About the only items of expenditure mentioned are the railings on the top of the wall along Rathmines Road and a few items of furniture for the chapel.

We can well understand how the presidents kept a very low financial profile in their reports to the Mother House, but correspondence from Paris shows that the debt was not forgotten, and the Irish Provincial was continually being exhorted to do something about Rathmines. Early in 1906 they ask: Can Rathmines not be abandoned? And later that same year, Do you still intend to keep Rathmines? By 1911 they are suggesting that it can be turned into a university hostel; in 1912 a scholasticate. In 1913 they are reminded that the debt continues to mount, and later that year, that it cannot be allowed to go on. From 1914 to the actual close, there are at least fifteen letters urging the closure of the College.

Vol. XXVIII of the General Bulletin sums it up:

... the debt from the beginning has steadily increased, and any profits gained absorbed by the payment of the interest and the discharging of the liabilities which weighed on the community, without being able to dream of redeeming the capital pledged to the work. Finally, the external ministry accepted by the Fathers, and from which they could not dispense themselves, became too great a burden.

For these reasons, a formal decision of the General Council (July 1916) closed the college of St Mary's, Rathmines, after an existence of about twenty-five years.

EVENING CLASSES

About the year 1905, St Mary's began a project that was unique in the schools of the time, and indeed, in her own history, and that was a commercial course with evening classes, and preparation of students for matriculation and the first year of university. Unfortunately, there are no records surviving to tell us how many availed of these classes, what subjects were taught, what results were obtained, and even precisely when the project began and ended, and why, if indeed it did end before the school closed in 1916.

The first mention of the project is found in the General Bulletin published in Paris in May, 1906: "The pupils of our commerce course have also obtained by their success honourable and lucrative positions."

Three years later, the Bulletin of January 1909 elaborates on that first cryptic remark:

The supplementary evening classes of which we made mention in the last report, are already giving most satisfactory results, and give us hope for considerable development in this direction. Some pupils have been prepared in the evening classes for the first university examinations, while others have completed their university education and have obtained their degrees.

Apart from the obvious advantage that these classes offer the pupils themselves, they are also a certain source of revenue, while at the same time adding to the renown of the College. There is no doubt that it involves an increase in the work for the teachers, but the good of the students and the honour of the establishment are at stake . . .

It is clear from this report that not only were these evening classes catering for those students who wished to pursue a commercial career or prepare themselves for university entrance, but they were also undertaking the work that the Castle in Blackrock and the Jesuit College on St Stephen's Green had been doing since 1880 – they were tutoring students for the degree examinations of the Royal University. The Royal was not a residential university, nor yet a teaching university. It was simply an Examining Board, which set out a syllabus, a course of study, set examinations on those courses, and granted degrees on the results of the examinations. Somewhat on the lines, say, of the Open University. In view of this, it is quite an understatement for Fr Tom O'Hanlon, the president, to say that it entailed "an increase in the work for the teachers". To teach secondary subjects for four or five hours during the day, and then turn round and teach commercial and even university subjects in the evenings for another two or three hours, beggars belief. The mind flies to the bible: *Gigantes erant in diebus illis*. They truly were giants in those days!

The Royal University became defunct as soon as the National University of Ireland Act established our own university with its constituent colleges in Dublin, Cork and Galway, in 1908, and this also ended the evening university classes in St Mary's. But it was not the end of the evening classes. These continued at least until 1914 for the commercial course, as is clear from the Bulletin published in June of that year. In it Fr O'Hanlon speaks of the academic successes which came to the College, and adds: ". . . while in the department of commerce, six of our students obtained lucrative positions".

It is very likely that these evening classes continued until the college closed in 1916. The final mention of them comes in a Bulletin published in 1920, which contains an overview of the 1914-1918 war years and their immediate aftermath. In it the reasons for the suppression of the College are given, prominent being the difficulty in furnishing personnel for all three colleges in Ireland.

... the Province ... with its two colleges of Blackrock and Rockwell, together with their two junior scholasticates, provides with difficulty the personnel for St Mary's, almost equal to the other two houses, because of the preparatory classes for examinations which they also maintain ...

The Evening Classes Project obviously filled a need in the city at the time; otherwise it would hardly have survived for nine years. It was an imaginative and courageous undertaking, when one considers the difficulty in providing staff and the enormous strain it must have placed on the shoulders of the community, with classes going on from early morning till late at night. One would wish that greater information regarding it were available.

HARVEST FOR THE CHURCH

Thirteen past students of St Mary's, to the best of our knowledge, went on for the Church on leaving school between 1901 and 1916, when the school closed down temporarily. Whereas, of the nine who had done so in the previous decade, all but one had joined the diocese of Dublin, and, indeed, that one had become a diocesan priest in Leeds, in the second decade only three of the thirteen became diocesan priests, the rest joining religious orders.

Herbert Farrell

The first St Mary's man to become a Holy Ghost Father was Herbert Farrell, who came to the school in 1902 and left after a distinguished academic career in 1908 to join the Holy Ghost Congregation. He was ordained in 1918 and for three years taught theology in Kimmage Manor before his appointment as director of the junior scholasticate in Blackrock from 1921 to 1931. He fulfilled his life's ambition when he went to Kenya as a missionary. In 1939 he returned to Ireland and began what was to be his life's work, lecturing, giving retreats, spiritual counselling, writing, and with a widespread psycho-therapy practice, in which he was a pioneer. He died in 1973 at the age of 81. Two of his nephews, Frs Myles and Des Kenny, became Holy Ghost Fathers too.

John McGlade

The second past student to become a Holy Ghost Father was John McGlade, who attended St Mary's from 1907 to 1909 before going to France to do his novitiate and philosophical studies. He was a prefect in Blackrock for two years and then went to the United States for his theology course, where he was ordained in 1917. From 1918 until 1945 he laboured in the State of Louisiana in various black parishes, and then became Director of a House for Homeless Boys in Philadelphia until he retired in 1968. He died in 1974 at the age of 83.

Laurence Furlong

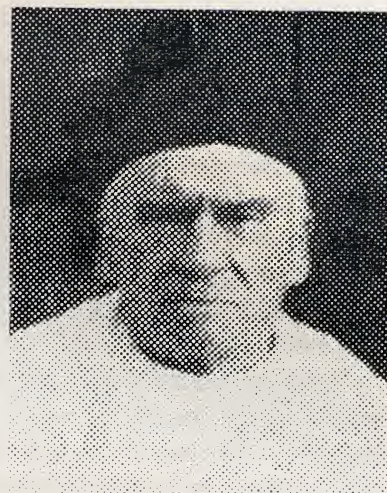
The three students from that time who joined the diocese of Dublin were Laurence J. Furlong, John McLaughlin and Ernest Farrell. Laurence Furlong came to St Mary's in 1904 and left for Maynooth in 1909 after Middle Grade. He was ordained in 1917 and immediately volunteered for chaplaincy work in the Great War, and found himself almost at once in the maelstrom that was the Ypres salient. He survived it and entered Germany in December 1918 after the end of the war. Here he volunteered for the Expedition being formed to go to Russia to fight the Bolsheviks who had taken over after the 1917 Revolution. He was sent to Archangel where he remained with the Expeditionary Force until they were evacuated in June 1919. He returned to Ireland and the more humdrum life of parish work, serving as curate in a number of parishes before getting his own parish of Kilcullen in 1952.



Herbert Farrell, CSSp.



John McGlade, CSSp.



Canon Laurence J. Furlong

During his career as a curate, he became famous as the "flying priest", being, at the time, the only priest in the country, not only to have a flying licence, but possessing his own plane, a single-engine Aeronca built in 1935. At school he had been a good scholar, passing his exams with ease and in his final year gaining the Good Conduct medal as well as prizes in Latin and French. He was on the SCT in 1908 and 1909. In the latter year, St Mary's reached the semi-final against St Andrew's and scored two tries to their one, but the Andrew's full-back, Middleton, who later played for England in 1922, won the game for them with a conversion and two penalties, 11-6.

Canon Furlong, as he became in 1967, was a devoted Old Boy, and was so delighted with the school's winning of the Leinster Senior Schools Cup in 1966, that he invited the whole team to dinner in a hotel. He died in 1971 at the age of 79.

John McLaughlin

John McLaughlin arrived in St. Mary's in 1911 at the age of thirteen and gained his Junior Grade the following year, and his Senior Grade in 1915. He then left to go to Clonliffe and was ordained priest for the Dublin diocese in Maynooth in 1922 by Archbishop Sheehan of Sydney. His first appointment was to Rathfarnham, but shortly afterwards he became an Army Chaplain, first with the School of Music in Beggars' Bush, and then in Collins Barracks. He served 21 years in the army during which time he was closely associated with the army boxing team, which produced many European champions in the '20s and '30s, and, with the equally famous Garda boxing team, formed an Irish amateur squad that has never been equalled, producing European and Golden Gloves champions like Jackie Saunders, Garda Hearn and Garda Cooper, who were household names in their day.

On retiring from the army, Fr McLaughlin became curate in Athy, and finally, in 1956, parish priest in Celbridge, where he ended his days in 1966. He was an uncle of the present Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland, Fr Brian Marcus McLaughlin, also a past student of St Mary's, and was a brother of Dr Thomas McLaughlin, the Irish engineer in charge of the building of the Shannon Electricity Scheme in 1926.

Ernest Farrell

One can only say that Ernest Farrell is synonymous with St Mary's. He was born in Richmond House, Mt Pleasant Avenue, almost within sight of the college, and never lost sight of it throughout his life. He must have known it from his earliest years, because his elder brother, Tom, whose career we have already sketched briefly, left in 1899, the year Ernest came to the school. He was a born competitor, in the classroom as in the sporting field. He played on the SCT for three years, 1905, 06 and 07, captaining it in his final year,

when they reached the semi-final only to be beaten by Blackrock who went on to win once again. Although over age for the SCT, he remained on in school for two more years before going to Clonliffe College in the footsteps of his brother, who had been ordained in 1907. Ernest himself was ordained in 1917 and filled a number of curacies, Haddington Rd, Rathdrum, Greystones, University Church, Aughrim St, and Harold's Cross, before obtaining his own parish of Finglas and St Margaret's in 1949. In Finglas he enlarged the church and built new schools. In 1927, while serving in the University Church, he was instrumental, with his brother Tom, in founding the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland, and was active in its organisation as National Secretary till the end of his life on May 16, 1955.

From the day he left school he was an ardent supporter of the Past Students Union and everything connected with the school, past and present. He played for the Old St Mary's Rugby Club, and was the captain when the club gained senior status in 1912. Probably more than any other person, he was desolated at the closure of the College in 1916, and the most ardent advocate of its re-opening in 1926. He lost no time in identifying once more with all things "Mary's", and was in the van in the efforts to revive the Union, the Rugby Club, the Cricket Club, and in founding the Tennis Club. There is no doubt that he was the "father" of the revived union and all its activities, serving as president on two occasions. His death was an irreparable loss to the college, past and present.



Seven other students of that era went for the church, this time in various, religious orders. Henry O'Neill, Henry Brodie and Austin Tierney joined the Passionists in Mount Argus. Gerard Cussen joined the Dominicans. Francis Russell became a Redemptorist, Joseph Byrne joined the Canons Regular of the Lateran in Launceston, Cornwall, Conal Murphy, the Jesuits, while Edwin Russell joined the diocese of Plymouth in England.

Henry Brodie

Henry Brodie was born in Bombay, India, in 1897 and returned to Ireland while quite young. He was in St Mary's from 1906 and was a classmate of Patrick Roddy, the school's first rugby International. Henry passed his Junior Grade in 1912 with honours and Middle in 1913 and Senior in 1914, taking the gold medal in the Mathematical and Science Course, and then left for the Passionists. After his ordination in 1921 he went to Wales and later he left the Passionists to do parish work and was incardinated into the diocese of Menevia and became a parish priest in South Wales where he died.

Henry O'Neill

Henry O'Neill was born in 1901, the son of a builder. He came to St Mary's and played on the Junior Cup team. He left in 1914 to join the Passionists whose juniorate at that time was in Clermont Rd, Sandymount. He was professed in 1917 and ordained in 1922 with school-mate Fr Austin Tierney, after his studies in Mount Argus. His first appointment was the preaching of retreats in England. In 1925 we went on the staff of St Mungo's College in Glasgow and did great work among the down-and-outs of that city. In 1929 he was recalled to Ireland and remained based here while giving retreats throughout the country, often in company with Fr Austin. In 1955 he was transferred to Ardoyne, Belfast, until illness forced him to return to Dublin in 1957 and he died that year.

Austin Tierney

Francis Joseph Tierney, who took the name Austin in religion, was in the year after Henry Brodie and a prize-winner in the Middle Grade in 1914. He was born in Belfast in 1900 but the family moved to Dublin while he was still quite young. He came to St Mary's in 1908

and gained first place in French in the Preparatory Grade examination. He went on to Middle Grade in 1914 before leaving to enter the Passionist Juniorate in Sandymount along with classmate, Henry O'Neill. His maternal uncle, Fr McMullen, was a well known Passionist and the editor of the Order's magazine, *The Cross*. Even before he left school Francis had won prizes for essays in the magazine. He was ordained in 1922, but he had to get a dispensation as he was under the canonical age for ordination. He was appointed assistant to the editor of *The Cross* and four years later he was appointed as editor of this prestigious Passionist magazine, a post which he held for six years before engaging in his first love, the preaching of retreats, at which he was an outstanding success for thirty-five years. He also led many pilgrimages, including national ones, to Lourdes and Rome, including the inaugural Garda Síochána Lourdes Pilgrimage, which went on to become an annual event. Early in 1959 he fell ill and spent six months in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, but was discharged in seeming good health. He was well enough to conduct three retreats for nuns but soon his voice failed and cancer in the upper chest was diagnosed and he died in August, 1960.

Donal K. Murphy

As far as we can ascertain, Conal Murphy is the only past pupil who became a Jesuit. Born in January 1902, he went to Synge St CBS before coming to St Mary's in 1910 and remained until the school closed down in 1916. After school he went to St Patrick's Training College in Drumcondra where he became a qualified primary school teacher. He taught in St Peter's, Phibsboro, until he entered the society of Jesus as a novice in March 1929. He completed a B.Sc. in UCD, did philosophy in Tullabeg and Theology in Milltown Park before his ordination in 1939. After his one-year Tertianship in Rathfarnham, he became a chaplain in the British forces where he spent World War II until 1946, serving in England, Scotland, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Syria, Egypt and Austria. On his return to Ireland, he was appointed to Crescent College, Limerick, for five years and then to Milltown Park for 16 years as director of retreats and missions. In 1967 he transferred to Manresa House, Dollymount, as spiritual director and assistant spiritual director of the spiritual exercises, until his death in January 1979.

Gerard Cussen

Gerard Cussen attended St Mary's from 1910 till 1916, arriving as an eleven-year old, but obtaining with honours his Junior, Middle and Senior Grades in successive years, 1914-15-16. He joined the Dominicans in Tallaght on leaving school and was ordained in 1923. He became Provincial Superior of the Order in Ireland in 1940.



Ernest Farrell, P.P.



Austin Tierney, C.P.



Francis Russell, C.S.S.R.

Francis Russell

The Russell boys, Francis, Charles, Edwin and Arthur, came to St Mary's in 1914, and when the school closed in 1916 they went to Belvedere. Francis was born in 1900 and he was fourteen when he came and he won the prize for Greek in Junior Grade that first year. On leaving school in 1918, he joined the Redemptorist Order where he was Professed in Mount St Alphonsus, Limerick, before going on to complete his ecclesiastical studies. He was ordained in April 1925 and taught philosophy for a couple of years before taking on his life-work of preaching throughout Ireland, a task for which he was temperamentally and intellectually suited. He was director of the archconfraternity in Clonard, Belfast, for some years before resuming his mission work and was appointed director of the confraternity in Limerick in 1955, proving himself an efficient organiser, an able preacher, an untiring visitor of the sick. On March 17, 1957, returning on his motor-cycle from a late sick call, he suffered a brain haemorrhage and was found by a passer-by some time later. He died in hospital the following day. His funeral, attended by most of the 9,000-strong confraternity, the City Fathers and a huge crowd of mourners, was one of the largest ever seen in the city.

Edwin J. Russell

Edwin followed his elder brother, Francis, and came to St Mary's in the last years before closure and went to All Hallows on leaving school. He was ordained for the diocese of Plymouth and filled a number of curacies in that widespread diocese which comprises the whole of South-west England. He finally became parish priest of Totnes in Devon where he died in 1971.

Joseph Byrne

Joseph Byrne was a contemporary of the above and joined the Canons Regular of the Lateran on leaving school. At that time they had no house in Ireland and it was to Launceston, Cornwall that he went to join them and remained there until transferred to London, where he died in 1977.

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Career</i>
Ernest Farrell	(1899-10)	1917	Dublin diocese
Herbert Farrell	(1902-08)	1918	CSSp
Laurence Furlong	(1905-09)	1917	Dublin diocese
Henry Brodie	(1906-14)	1922	C.P.
John McGlade	(1907-09)	1917	CSSp
Henry O'Neill	(1909-14)	1922	C.P.
Francis Tierney	(1909-14)	1922	C.P.
Gerard Cussen	(1910-16)	1924	O.P.
John McLaughlin	(1911-15)	1922	Dublin diocese
Francis Russell	(1913-15)	1922	CSsR
Joseph Byrne	(1913-16)	1922	C.R.L.
Edwin Russell	(1913-14)	1921	Plymouth diocese

PAST PUPILS UNION

1900-1916

We have already seen that the past pupils organised themselves into a union some time before May 1899, having previously formed a cricket club, and then they organised a rugby club in 1900. Without a single shred of documentation extant, to our knowledge, we know nothing of the activities of the union. The earliest evidence of activity we have, apart from

the cricket and rugby clubs, is in the minute book of the Literary and Dramatic Society, which tells us of a meeting of past and present students held in the college on December 19, 1910, under the chairmanship of Fr Thomas O'Hanlon, president of the college. At this meeting it was unanimously decided to found a Literary and Dramatic Society, and Fr O'Hanlon was elected by acclamation as first president of the society. Messrs Ernest Farrell (a seminarian in Clonliffe College) and James B. Magennis (a medical student at UCD) were elected joint Hon. Secs. Mr Frank Purcell was elected Treasurer. Messrs R. Mulloy, J. C. O'Brien, W. P. Blunden, Fr T. Farrell cc and Fr J. J. O'Reilly CSSP were elected to the committee. The Vice Presidents elected were: Fr Kingston, Fr P. Walsh and Fr T. Pembroke of the college; Dr E. Magennis (father of Jim), M. J. O'Connor, J. E. Blunden, Prof. R. P. Joyce, J. J. Dowling, M.A., UCD. After much discussion, it was decided to appoint an Auditor, and M. J. O'Connor was elected. The next meeting was fixed for January 9, 1911, at which a paper would be read by Mr Robert Mulloy on "Professionalism in Sport". Plus ça change and all that!

This society flourished until January 1916 and would appear to have died with the closure of the school, but while it existed it was most active, first as a purely literary and debating group, with debates and papers every three weeks until the end of April at which time the 1910-11 session closed. It was unanimously accepted that October to April was the best period for meetings. At the first meeting of the 1911-12 session it was decided that ladies could be introduced as honorary members for the purpose of filling female roles in dramas. A sub-committee was appointed to undertake the production of a play. Up to sixty-four members attended the meetings which at times were purely social gatherings at which the members did the entertaining with songs, recitations, monologues etc.

One interesting item on the agenda of that meeting of April 15, 1912, was the proposal from the Blackrock College Union that the St Mary's union should merge with them, and they were willing to change their name to accommodate this. When the proposition was put to the meeting, as being representative of the past pupil body, not one single member was in favour of such an amalgamation. At the following, and final, meeting of the session, held on May 5, 1912, it was proposed, and passed unanimously: "That a deputation wait on the College Council to discuss the best means of the immediate formation of a Union". The deputation consisted of Fr Tom Farrell, Pat Hayden, John Meade and Vincent Becker. It would appear from this move that the union formed in 1899 had died somewhere along the way, although the rugby and cricket clubs continued to flourish. Unfortunately, there does not seem to have been any follow-up to the deputation. The subject was not discussed at the next meeting, which did not take place until October 14, 1912. If there was any concrete sequel to it, the L & D Society must have considered it outside their frame of reference. Debates continued to be held and papers read every three weeks during 1912-13. One departure was the holding of the AGM in May instead of in the following Autumn, which gave the Officers of the Society more time to plan their agenda. It is noteworthy also that until April 1913, it was the custom to end the meetings with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. At the December 2 meeting, it is noted that the meeting terminated with the singing of A Nation Once Again. What influence the General Strike of 1913 or the founding of the Irish Volunteers had on this is conjectural, but it became the unvarying practice from then on.

The next intimation that dramatics were really a part of the society's activities came in the meeting on 29 October, 1914. Among the offices for which elections were held was that of Theatrical Director, which James C. O'Brien assumed. He was already teaching Elocution in the College, and together with a group of past students, was to play a significant part in the development in the theatre in Dublin for more than a decade. At the meeting of December 8, Frank Purcell asked if any move had been made with regard to the dramatic side of the society, to which the Chair (M. J. O'Connor) replied that an

announcement would be made shortly. On January 26, 1915, the question was again asked by Frank Purcell and he was told that the committee was looking for a suitable play and had decided not to produce any big play that session. Plays are not mentioned again in the minute book which closes with the January 1916 meeting.

This is all very intriguing, since we know from other sources that the Literary and Dramatic Society of St Mary's College was very active in the actual production of plays at this time. In his history of the Irish Theatre Company, called *Drama in Hardwick Street*, Professor William Feeney lists St Mary's as one of those amateur groups on which the Irish Theatre Company depended for its success. He said that St Mary's College, Rathmines, had a lively dramatic society in which students and alumni participated. Elsewhere he notes: "Acting is a popular avocation in Dublin. There is no reluctance in the most elegant circles to appear on the stage . . . Finding persons of the right temperament and some theatre know-how was what mattered". These traits were obviously found among the past students of St Mary's.

Professor Feeney goes on to say that:

One of the most important Irish Theatre connections, the Literary and Dramatic Society of St Mary's College, Rathmines, performed J. M. Barrie's *The Professor's Love Story* at the Abbey Theatre on 19 May, 1914. It was preceded by the premiere of Henry B. O'Hanlon's *Her Second Chance*. An alumnus of the College, O'Hanlon was a solicitor by profession, playwright by avocation, disciple of Ibsen and a friend of Edward Martyn.

The *Irish Times* of May 20 published a lengthy review of the production, in which the acting was praised above the playwriting:

The acting was marked by genuine merit. Mr J. B. Magennis, a distinguished product of the society, struggled hard to make the part of Callaghan . . . convincing. He was well supported by Mr P. J. Hayden . . . As the old retainer, Mr F. A. Purcell did his best with a gloomy character.

Another critic condemned the play as too talky, but thought it had echoes of *Riders to the Sea*. He said that F. A. Purcell was a success . . . and resembled Frank Fay in similar roles. Hayden, Purcell and Magennis were also in the Barrie play.

Feeney mentions that Magennis was the personal physician and friend of Edward Martyn, who had started the Irish Literary Theatre in 1899 with Lady Gregory and William Butler Yeats, which became in 1904 the Irish National Theatre or Abbey Theatre. Martyn split with his partners later over policy, and in 1914 he joined forces with Professor Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Plunkett, both signatories of the Easter Week Proclamation, to found the Irish Theatre Company, which eventually found a home in the murky hall in Hardwick St until 1920, where non-peasant plays were produced, particularly of European origin, to complement what was going on at the Abbey. Plunkett provided the hall, which belonged to his father, Count Plunkett; Martyn provided the plays and the money; MacDonagh the active management. They did not have an acting company as such, but instead called upon gifted amateurs. Eight St Mary's men in particular were associated with the Theatre, Dr Jim Magennis, Pat Hayden, Frank Purcell, John Gogan, Joseph O'Connor ("Frank Jeffs") and Colm O'Lochlainn as actors, James C. O'Brien as Actor/Producer, and Henry O'Hanlon as writer.

Feeney mentions that the St Mary's plays were produced by James O'Brien, the teacher of elocution at the school, who occasionally acted, did impressions of Dickens' characters, and served as producer for little theatre and musical groups. O'Hanlon was an Ibsen fan and devoted to the The Theatre of Ideas. He likes those on the stage to sit down and

talk, says one critic. Five of his plays were produced, of which the most successful was *The All Alone*. Besides the two Easter Week signatories, MacDonagh and Plunkett, John Gogan and Colm O'Lochlainn took part in the Easter Rising and were interned, John Gogan in Kilmainham Jail and later in Wakefield Prison, England. After the execution of MacDonagh and Plunkett, John MacDonagh, Professor Tom's brother, who had some acting experience in America, took over as Director of the Irish Theatre Co. and wrote plays and directed them. He had been in Jacob's with his brother during Easter Week, arrested and condemned to death but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Jim Magennis, one of the leading medicos in the city, seems to have had boundless energy. He held office in the Literary & Debating Society from its inception throughout its existence, contributing papers and to the debates regularly, and was probably the most active amateur actor in Dublin. Feeney has him playing in Martyn's *An Enchanted Sea* at the Abbey in April 1904. He was a boy of fifteen at the time and still attending St Mary's, but the part of Guy Font called for a schoolboy actor and J. B. had had considerable experience in the school's Shakespearean productions. In 1913 he played in James Stephens' *Marriage of Julia Elizabeth* and Joseph Plunkett's *Dance of Osiris*. He played with Una O'Connor (who later went to Hollywood and appeared in dozens of movies, including *The Informer* and *The Plough and the Stars*) in *Dream Physician*, and toured the West of Ireland with her in 1915 in O'Hanlon's *Norah's Birthday*. In 1916 he played the title role in J. S. Millington's *The Uplifting of Eugene Demayne* at the Abbey, with J. C. O'Brien as producer. Apart from these more "professional" outings, he was indefatigable in giving of his time and talent to any worthy cause, and appeared in countless benefit performances. For instance, on October 28 and November 1 he gave impressions of Svengali, the mesmeric figure in George du Maurier's novel, *Trilby*, in the Theatre Royal, for the benefit of the Holy Ghost Missions. J. C. O'Brien was the producer and John Gogan and Frank Purcell took part. The following year, on October 31, a variety show was presented for the same cause. Jim Magennis and Elizabeth Young played an excerpt from the Third Act of *Hamlet*. Two other St Mary's men, Jimmy O'Dea and Pat Hayden also contributed their talents.

Frank Purcell and Pat Hayden, both of whom had been prominent in dramatics while at school, maintained this interest after school. Both held office in the L & D throughout its life and both performed with the Irish Theatre Co. They, also, were indefatigable in placing their talents at the service of worthy charities, and, as we shall see, with Jim Magennis and J. C. O'Brien, continued their acting careers well into the 1930s under a revived Literary & Dramatic Society in the college. In an era when outstandingly talented amateurs graced the theatrical scene in Dublin, Joseph O'Connor stood out. A solicitor by profession, he was quite simply a born entertainer, straight or comic actor, singer of humorous or serious music, all under the pseudonym of "Frank Jeffs", and appeared in a number of the early Irish efforts to establish a film industry, which featured fellow past students, Jimmy O'Dea and Donal McCarthy, with whom he also featured in a number of radio plays on 2RN, the Irish Broadcasting Station.

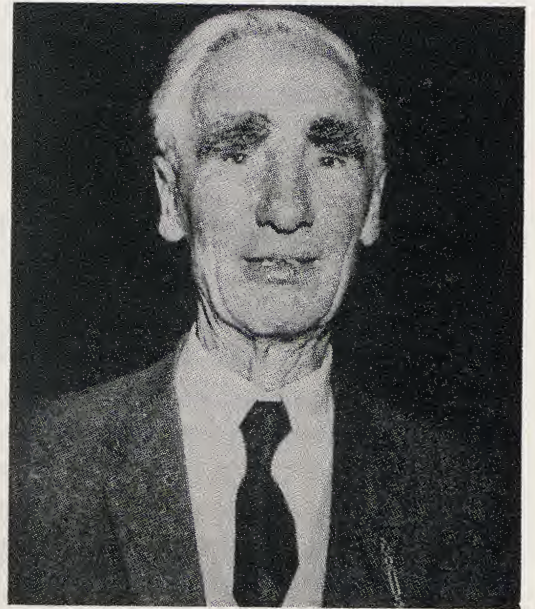
An interesting indirect link with St Mary's is provided by another member of the Irish Theatre Co, the actress Helena Carter, the stage name of Mrs Fred Cogley. Born in Paris of Irish parents, Daisy Bannard studied opera at the Paris Conservatoire before she married journalist/playwright Fred Cogley. She pursued an active career in singing and acting in Dublin after her marriage, appearing in all the main theatres, and in later years devoted herself to the teaching of drama and singing as Madame Bannard Cogley. She was one of the founders, along with Hilton Edwards and Michéal MacLiammóir, of the Dublin Gate Theatre in 1927. She was the mother of Mitchel Cogley, noted sports journalist, and grandmother of Fred Cogley of RTE Sports, a past student of St Mary's, former President of the PPU and father of more past students.

Chapter Seven

Old St Mary's RFC 1900-1916

1900-1905

WHATEVER ABOUT THE inactivity of the parent body of the Union, the affiliated clubs were very active. The rugby club went from strength to strength from its foundation in 1900. The very first match played by that Old St Mary's team, captained by Jim Brennan, was away against Blackrock, and St Mary's won by a try to nil. With that good initial showing, it was decided to enter for the Junior Cup and League the following season, 1901-02. Making spectacular progress, they reached the final of the Junior Cup that season, only to be beaten by RIC. They repeated the feat in the following season, 1902-03, only to meet the same fate at the hands of the same RIC club, this time by the narrow margin of a try to nil. But in 1905, under the captaincy of James Reddy, it was third time lucky, and St Mary's made no mistake. They beat Palmerston 3-0 in the first round, Bob Kinahan, a centre, scoring the try. They then met their old bête noire, RIC, whom they beat 9-6 at Castle Avenue, and met Kilkenny County at Lansdowne Road on April 15, 1905. Two of the team were prefects, John Foley and Michael Franklin. After a scoreless first half, James Reddy scored a try which Bob Kinahan converted, 5-0. Reddy then dropped a goal, making it 9-0. Kilkenny replied with a try but could not improve on it, and Old St Mary's had won their first football trophy. The following is part of the report from the weekly *Sport*.



*James Brennan, first Captain
St Mary's College RFC, 1900*

The curtain was lowered on rugby football in Leinster on Saturday (April 15) when the final of the Junior Cup was decided at Lansdowne Rd between Old St Mary's and Kilkenny County. St Mary's are well known cup fighters, having already fought out two finals, their opponents on both occasions being RIC, who always won by a very narrow margin. The result: St Mary's



Old St Mary's First XV, 1900-1901

Standing: S. Casey; T. O'Donnell; J. Dowling; W. English; Jos. Cummins; J. Foley; E. O'Shea; A. Harrison; L. J. Rice (Hon. Treas.).

Seated: J. Cummins; R. Barr; Jas. Brennan (Capt.); P. Byrne; K. Delaney.

Front: G. O'Hare; M. Kennedy.

(Dowling, English, Foley, O'Shea were Prefects.)

9pts : Kilkenny 3pts. St Mary's, by their win, brought the Junior Cup back to Dublin, and for this they deserve the best thanks of Dublin rugbyites. Drawn against the hardest team in the competition, they fought hard, and I may verily say, they won a glorious victory.

The cup was presented to Mr Reddy by Miss Maguire. After long and unrewarded years (*sic*) of struggle, St Mary's have come through a season more brilliantly than any supporter of the club could have anticipated, as winners of the Junior Cup for the first time since their inception. That the Club was deserving of gaining this high honour cannot be gainsaid, and I must congratulate them.

The team: G. M. Black, J. B. Reddy, H. R. Evans, R. J. Kinahan, M. J. McBride, T. F. Reddy, P. J. Little, J. J. Rooney, W. J. Mulcahy, M. J. Franklin, J. S. Foley, P. J. Dwyer, T. C. Little, F. J. Murray, L. J. O'Toole.
Subs: J. Cummins, J. Dodd, W. B. Dowling.

In the Interpro match against Ulster in 1905. J. F. Reddy, the St Mary's out-half, and W. J. Mulcahy, a forward, gained caps. Junior Interpros against Ulster began in 1901, and two St Mary's players were on that first Leinster team. They were Jim Brennan, the first captain of the club, and J. Delaney, a past student of Rockwell, who had earlier earned the distinction of being on the first ever Munster Schools Interpro team. In 1903, George O'Hare was picked as out-half for Leinster and he scored the only try in the game which Leinster won 3-0. These honours which came so early in the life of the fledgling club, came



Leinster Junior Cup Winners 1905

*Standing: M. McBride; L. O'Toole; H. Evans; M. Franklin; J. O'Sullivan; B. Mulcahy;
J. Foley; F. Murray; P. Dwyer.*

Seated: J. J. Rooney; R. Kinahan; J. Reddy (Capt.); T. Black; T. Little.

Front: T. Reddy; J. Cummins.

in an ever increasing and steady flow at every single level of the game throughout the club's existence and constitute a roll of honour that can stand scrutiny alongside that of any other club in the country. (See Appendix)

1905-1906

The following year, 1906, St Mary's, as the holders, were fancied to repeat the feat of the previous year. They accounted for the Veterinary College by just a try (3pts) to nil. They next played Civil Service and won 9-0. They then played Palmerston in the semi-final and could only manage a scoreless draw. However, in the replay they showed better form and emerged winners, 11-0. So, once again, and for the fourth time in five years, they found themselves in the Junior Cup final. But this time success eluded them and they fell victims once more to RIC.



It will be remembered that in those days the only Junior Cup competition comprised all the Junior sides in Leinster. It was not until the 1921-22 season that the Branch established the Metropolitan Cup for the teams then competing in the Junior League who were in the metropolitan area of Dublin, i.e. who were within 18 miles of the GPO. A new trophy was provided for this competition. In 1924-25, the terms of the old Junior Cup were altered to comprise teams from outside the metropolitan area only, and this became known as the Provincial Towns Cup, the actual trophy being the former Junior Cup.

1906-1907

The 1907 Junior Cup Competition found Old St Mary's once more contesting a draw, this time against Carlow, and in the Second Round. Their first meeting, in Rathmines, ended in a draw. The replay was on April 1, 1907, and the weather almost summer-like, according to the *Irish Times* of April 2, with a "large muster of spectators". The final whistle left St Mary's winners by 1 goal, 1 try and 1 pen.(11pts) – Nil.

The next round was the semi-final and Drogheda supplied the opposition. It was played at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, April 13, before a good crowd and St Mary's were easy enough winners at 14-0. The final was due to be played on April 27, but inclement weather forced a postponement until the following week. The other finalists were Palmerston, and St Mary's ran out comfortable winners, 16pts-3pts.

St Mary's: J. Ronayne, A. Ryan, J. Murphy, J. Smyth, B. Doyle W. Joyce, H. Ryan, J. Doherty, T. Little (C), J. Murnane, Jos. O'Donnell, J. J. O'Donnell, V. McDonald, J. Power, J. Ryan.

1907-1908

St Mary's were the holders as the 1908 Junior Cup Competition began. For whatever reason, they seem to have been short of fixtures, because on Feb 15, the Hon. Sec. T. C. Little, of 12 Harcourt St, had a notice in *Sport* requesting matches for Feb 22 and Mar 7, presumably not wishing to enter the competition short of match practice. Whatever practice they got seems to have done them good because after drawing with Palmerston in the quarter final, they won the replay and then met RIC in the semi.

St Mary's College won rather easily by 11-3. The opening play favoured St Mary's. Good forward work by Doherty, Mulcahy and Murnane kept the Constabulary on the defensive. Following some passing among the students' backs, Loughlin got over for a try, which Mulcahy failed to convert. Immediately on resuming, RIC were penalised and from the 25, Mulcahy brought off a grand goal. St Mary's continued to attack and Murphy wound up a brilliant run by scoring a try.

St Mary's thoroughly deserved their victory, being in all departments the superior team.

Sport

Meanwhile, the Royal Veterinary College had also won through to the final, which took place on April 17.

The Leinster Junior Cup was decided between Old St Mary's, the holders of the trophy, and Royal Veterinary College, whose first year it was in the final.

A very keen game it was at the outset, the difference at the finish being but a try to nil in favour of Old St Mary's.

Sport

1908-1909

This was St Mary's third win in the Cup in the eight years since they first entered for it. It was the sixth year in which they had contested the final in the same eight years. Nor did it end their Junior triumphs. The following year, 1909, they won the Junior League for the first time, which compensated them somewhat for their defeat later by Dundalk in the Junior Cup Final by a penalty goal after a replay. The League Final contested against Wanderers was a draw, a penalty goal each.

The replay was two weeks later, on April 17, 1909, and St Mary's were the underdogs:

St Mary's accomplished a big performance on Saturday when, in the replay of the Junior League, they defeated a really strong Wanderers XV, by a penalty and two tries to a try. As is typical of teams competing in a final, the game was characterised by a keenness, which to a great extent, militated against a good display of the code. For a greater part it was a struggle between the rival packs, and in this department, the students were vastly superior. On the general run of the game, St Mary's undoubtedly deserved to win and the score of 6pts to 3pts was a fair reflection of the play.

Sport

Following on that fine victory over the strong Wanderers side in the Junior League Final, St Mary's were expected to beat Dundalk in the Junior Cup Final, played on May 1, 1909. They failed, the game ending in a scoreless draw. It had been played in a downpour which made constructive football impossible. The replay was fixed for May 8, which by any standards was very late for rugby. The lengthy season behind them very possibly affected both teams, and accounted for the poor standard of rugby. On top of which St Mary's were reduced to fourteen men. Dundalk scored a try and a penalty goal, while Murnane got over for a try for St Mary's which Cusack failed to improve on.

1909-1910

The following year, 1910, St Mary's again won the Junior League, but were narrowly beaten, 5-3, in the semi-final of the Cup, this time by Merrion.

St Mary's College had an easy win in the League Final over Dublin University on the Clontarf grounds in Castle Avenue on Sat. The winners were not at full strength but still had all the better of the game, which throughout was fast and well-contested, and most interesting to watch. At the interval, St Mary's led 11-3.

After the change-over, Trinity had several tries at goal from frees, none of which, however, materialised, and at the other end, following a hot attack, St Mary's scored a try, per Power, Mulcahy once more adding the extra points. University now had a spell of attack, and, being awarded a free, Weir dropped a neat goal. From this to the finish, St Mary's did all the pressing, and just before the long whistle, Power bored over for an unconverted try.

Team: A. P. Faulkner, P. J. Hayden, T. F. Collis, D. O'Sullivan, B. Doyle, W. P. McGann (C), N. F. Power, J. Brooke-Kelly, L. J. Clancy, P. J. Cusack, E. R. Farrell, S. Flanagan, M. J. Jenkins G. P. O'Donnell, J. M. Power.

1910-11

This was Old St Mary's final season in Junior Rugby and it ended fittingly with a win in the Junior Cup, the fourth win in the ten years of competition and the eighth time to contest the final.

The final against Sandford was played in Lansdowne Road before a Senior Cup semi-final on April 13. The *Irish Times* reported:

St Mary's undoubtedly did the better work and thoroughly deserved to win.

St Mary's won the toss and elected to face the wind . . . From a drop-out they attacked, and Power, receiving near the 25 ran over for a smart try . . . From a scrum close to the Sandford line, St Mary's forwards carried the ball

close to the centre where Sandford were penalised and Moriarty landed a goal . . . Half-time St Mary's 6 Sandford 0.

The opening stages of the second half favoured St Mary's. A bout of passing by the St Mary's three-quarters ended with Hayden being sent across for a try which was not converted . . . St Mary's had the better of matters to the finish and Purcell added another try. Result: St Mary's 12 Sandford 0.

St Mary's: P. J. O'Neill, J. J. Moriarty, D. C. Timothy, W. L. McGann, P. J. Hayden, N. F. Power, R. T. Francis, T. J. Cleary, B. Doyle, E. R. Farrell (Capt.), W. J. Nagle, G. P. O'Donnell, D. O'Sullivan, T. S. Purcell, M. Richards

OLD ST MARY'S PLAYING RECORD AS A JUNIOR CLUB

<i>Season</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
November 1900	Foundation, Affiliation to Leinster Branch, IRFU.
1901-1902	
1902-1903	Finalists: Junior Cup
1903-1904	Finalists: Junior Cup
1904-1905	Winners: Junior Cup
1905-1906	Finalists: Junior Cup
1906-1907	Winners: Junior Cup
1907-1908	Winners: Junior Cup
1908-1909	Winners: League; Finalists: Junior Cup
1909-1910	Winners: League; Semi-fins: Junior Cup Winners: Minor League
1910-1911	Winners: Junior Cup; Finalists: League

OLD ST MARY'S GOES SENIOR 1911-1916

Such a magnificent record as a junior club stifled any objections there might have been to the application for senior status by St Mary's at the end of the 1910-1911 season. The record showed that they were clearly "out of their league" in Junior ranks. The Leinster Branch recognised the fact and, during the closed season, accepted St Mary's as a Senior Club.

The inaugural meeting of the Old St Mary's Rugby Club as a Leinster Senior Club took place in September 1911 in the college and was well attended as the following report from the *Irish Times* shows:

ST MARY'S COLLEGE F.C.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the college on Wednesday evening. The Rev. J. J. O'Reilly, CSSp occupied the chair. It being the first meeting of St Mary's as a senior club, there was evidence of great enthusiasm and a very large attendance, over 80 members being present. After considerable discussion a code of new rules was adopted, and the election of officers was proceeded with. The Very Rev. T. P. O'Hanlon, CSSp, president St Mary's, was unanimously elected president for the season 1911-12. In addition to a committee and vice-presidents, the following were also unanimously elected – Captain, 1st XV, E. R. Farrell; Vice-Captain, J. J. Moriarty; Captain, 2nd XV, P. J. Hayden; Vice-Captain, T. C. Doyle. The election of Captain, 3rd XV was deferred. Hon. Treasurer, P. J. Hayden; Hon. Sec. J. M. Power, Shandon House, Kimmage Road,

Harold's Cross. On the motion of Mr J. Meade, a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr Charles Ryan, father of Messrs Ryan, playing members of the club, of the late Mr J. Byrne, who was for many years vice-president of the club, of the late Mr W. Nolan, a playing member of last year. Owing to the kindness of Mr Edward Byrne, the club has been able to secure a new ground at Beech Hill, Donnybrook, three minutes walk from Donnybrook tram terminus. The ground will be full size; portion of the playing pitch has been newly laid down, and a pavilion, to the design of Mr Charles Powell, architect, is in course of erection and will be finished for the opening match of the season. The hon. secretary has arranged a long list of fixtures for 1st, 2nd and 3rd XVs. The club will have a very large membership, nearly all last year's Junior and Minor League players being available, and there is a large influx of new members. There is every promise that the club's first year in senior ranks will be a successful one. The next match will be with Wanderers at Donnybrook, October 7th.

Irish Times. Sept. 1911

NEW CLUB GROUNDS

Obviously, as a senior club, St Mary's could no longer continue to play on the college grounds which were scarcely adequate for school football. They were fortunate to obtain a lease on grounds off Beaver Row, Donnybrook, just a couple of hundred yards from the tram terminus (now the bus depot). It was called Beech Hill, owned by Mr Edward Byrne, and they immediately set to to turn it into a first grade football pitch. Past-pupil



First St Mary's Team to play Senior Football 1911-12

Standing: J. M. Power; P. J. O'Neill; R. McGrath; G. P. O'Donnell; W. J. Nagle;
T. J. Cleary; J. J. Doyle; L. J. Clancy.
Seated: W. L. McGann; D. O'Sullivan; N. F. Power; E. R. Farrell (Capt.);
J. J. Moriarty; T. C. Doyle; Unknown.
Front: P. J. Hayden; F. A. Purcell.

architect, Charles Powell, who later made a name for himself for his designs for Mount Argus Church and the extension to Whitefriar St Carmelite Church, as well as churches in England, was commissioned to design a pavilion which was completed early on in the season. Incidentally, when St Mary's relinquished these grounds in 1916 after the college closed and past pupil activity appears to have ended, the grounds were taken over by Shamrock Rovers AFC until they acquired Glenmalure Park in Milltown. The *Irish Times* spoke well of the grounds on October 14, 1911:

Their match with Wanderers marked the advent of St Mary's to senior circles and, incidentally, the opening of their new grounds at Beech Hill, Donnybrook. The latter is quite a useful type of enclosure and one capable of considerable development, both from the spectators' and the players' point of view. In securing it the college have been distinctly fortunate, for suitable quarters are somewhat difficult to obtain within anything like reasonable distance of the city, and several other clubs, notably Bective Rangers and Old Wesley, within the past few years have had more than a little trouble in this respect . . . The playing pitch itself is not, perhaps, ideal, for, though inequalities in the surface can and will be rectified in the near future, there is a distinct fall in the ground from the far end towards the entrance. It is not, to be sure, a very serious departure from the absolute level – nothing like as marked as that at Westfield Park which Old Wesley have to contend with – still, it is there and will always militate against the enclosure as a really first-class one.

With this, however, all drawbacks to the place begin and end; there is room, and to spare, no cramping in any way; and when the pavilion, which is being erected and is practically completed, has received the finishing touches, the whole shall be as neat and serviceable as any in Leinster, outside, of course, of Lansdowne Rd. The St Mary's Club have, in all respects, entered into the project of taking their place in the senior ranks in no uncertain manner, and the comparative success which they have achieved in their initial match in first class company, will do much to justify the enthusiasm displayed by the members. Truth to tell, there were not wanting many to decry the students' confidence in themselves, and, in having Wanderers, the cup holders as their guests for the opening match, presumed to have taken on a large order. An overwhelming victory for Wanderers was generally predicted, with many similar defeats to follow; but how different did this aspect of affairs become, when, at the close of a hard match, the ex-Juniors were only vanquished by a solitary score. St Mary's College, indeed, showed form well up to the average of senior football in Leinster, and, if only on this game alone, the plunge they have taken appears to be fully justified.

The excellent form shown by St Mary's College in their match with Wanderers was confirmed by their showing against Dublin University on Wednesday in College Park . . . the Varsity's superiority in points at the close rather flattered the club's actual superiority as the game went. Indeed, it was not until the last 15 minutes that Trinity established an indisputable claim to victory . . . It must be remembered that the losers were playing one short for the major part of the 2nd half, as Flanagan retired injured. They were also short when Dickie Lloyd scored in the 1st half.

The St Mary's team for that first-ever Senior Club match played against Wanderers on October 7, 1911, at the new St Mary's Grounds at Beech Hill was:

T. Wakely, J. J. Moriarty, W. L. McGann, P. J. Lack, P. J. McDonagh, N. F. Power, A. Merrick, J. Burke-Kennedy, T. J. Cleary, J. J. Doyle, E. R. Farrell (Capt) J. McMahon, W. J. Nagle, J. O'Donnell, M. Richards.

The following is culled from the *Irish Times* report:

Though fairly and squarely beaten on the run of the play, St Mary's College were by no means disgraced. Indeed, for an initial effort in first-class football, the college have much to be proud of in their display, and, if they continue to show the same form throughout the season, there can be no question that they will be a factor to be reckoned with in this year's football campaign. To run a team like Wanderers to within 5 pts is no mean achievement, and, with the experience to be gained in the next couple of months, the side should mould into a useful one.

Irish Times: October 9, 1911

St Mary's continued to play reasonably well up to the end of the year. Their captain, Ernest Farrell, still managing to get away from his clerical studies in Clonliffe College, was picked to play for Leinster in an interprovincial match against Munster, the first St Mary's man to don a Senior Interprovincial jersey. He may well have had the unique experience of playing for Leinster at both junior and senior level in the same twelve months, as he had already represented Leinster in a junior interpro against Connaught on January 14, 1911. In the same month the following year, 1912, he was again picked to represent Leinster against Connaught, this time as a senior interpro, which Leinster won 26-0. He was the first of a very long line of senior interprovincial players from the club (see Appendix). At the same time, P. J. Hayden, Captain of the 2nds, and F. C. Culhane, wing-forward, were picked for the Leinster Junior Interprovincial match against Ulster, which Leinster won narrowly by a try to nil, the try being scored by Pat Hayden on the wing after a lengthy solo dribble down the field.

St Patrick's Day was the day on which St Mary's were to face the acid test of their first match in the Leinster Senior Challenge Cup. Their opponents were to be Monkstown, already two-time winners of the Cup. Let the *Irish Times* tell the story of this baptism by fire for the young club:

FIRST SENIOR CUP APPEARANCE – 1912

In this, their first appearance in the Senior Cup Competition, St Mary's gave a rousing display, and, in defeating a team of the traditions of Monkstown, they have much to be proud of. Better still, their victory was far from being a chance one, as though it were a penalty that turned the scales in their favour. There could be no two opinions that they were the better side. They played prettier and more attractive football, were better trained and better together, and, all round, fully justified the decision in their favour that resulted . . . and taken all round, the students can congratulate themselves on giving a surprisingly good display. But it was mainly in the stamina they exhibited in a fast game, and the manner in which they kept going at all periods which fairly paved the way to success . . . It remains only to say that Farrell was the outstanding figure in the St Mary's pack at all times. . . . St Mary's were the first to score, and that shortly after commencing, Moriarty making a good run along the touchline . . . culminating in O'Neill going over for a try.

St Mary's: J. Murphy, J. J. Moriarty, W. P. McGann, J. Murray P. J. Hayden, N. F. Power, A. J. Merrick, W. J. Bailey, W. Blunden, E. R. Farrell (C), M. J. Jenkins, M. J. Lynch, R. McGrath, G. P. O'Donnell, P. J. O'Neill.

This marvellous victory in their very first essay into the maelstrom of Senior Cup football, gave St Mary's entry into the semi-final, where they faced Bective Rangers.

The semi-final took place on April 1, 1912 at Lansdowne Road. In the words of the *Irish Times*:

St Mary's College, considering this is their first season in senior ranks, did well in the competition, and, though beaten by Bective Rangers, were far from disgraced. Faulty place-kicking on the part of the losers proved very costly to them, and seldom have so many frees in easy positions been missed, as was the case with St Mary's on Saturday . . . It was a rare struggle for supremacy between the rival packs, between whom there was little or nothing to choose. Result: Bective 9 (3 tries) St Mary's 3 (pen).

St Mary's: J. S. Murphy; J. J. Moriarty; J. Murray; W. McGann; P. J. Hayden; N. F. Power; A. J. Merrick; E. R. Farrell (C); M. Lynch; W. J. Mulcahy; J. J. Murnane; R. McGrath; W. J. Nagle; G. P. O'Donnell P. J. O'Neill.

So ended St Mary's first foray into senior competition. To have reached the semi-final at their first attempt was indeed an achievement. To have given an admirable display was a matter of pride, and the entire club, as well as the college, could preen itself on the effort.

In January 1912 four St Mary's men were picked on the Leinster Junior Interprovincial team to play Ulster. They were Pat Hayden on the wing and an all-Mary's backrow of F. Culhane, M. J. Lynch and W. Troddyn, who had joined the Junior Club, Merrion, on leaving St Mary's but joined Old St Mary's the following season. With Ernest Farrell gaining his Senior Interpro and Barry Browne and Charlie Culhane gaining their schools' interpro, it was a good year for representative honours for St Mary's.

1912-13

As the season started, St Mary's were not doing badly. They began with a scoreless draw against Monkstown at home, followed by a 7-6 defeat of Wanderers. Lansdowne brought them down to earth with a bang, defeating them 16-0. Incidentally, the St Mary's scrum-half on the occasion was one William Fanagan. Who says rugby is not hereditary, even down to the position? Three days after that humiliating defeat by Lansdowne, the draw for the Leinster Senior Challenge Cup was made, and who were St Mary's drawn against? Yes, you have guessed it – Lansdowne, on St Patrick's Day 1913. Lansdowne duly won by two tries (6pts) to a penalty goal (3pts). As the *Irish Times* said: "Lansdowne deserved to win because they stayed better". It was the first of many memorable Cup encounters with the headquarters club down through the years to the present day.

1913-14

The new season began as all new seasons do, with plenty of hope and ambition. The weekly, *Sport* welcomed St Mary's to the new season with the following report on October 4, 1913:



St. Mary's RFC Senior Cup Team, 1913

Standing: C. Smith; M. Lynch; R. McGrath; P. O'Grady; N. Troddyn; W. Rogers.
Seated: G. O'Donnell; W. Tierney; J. Moriarty; E. R. Farrell (Capt.); F. Doherty; R. Burns; P. O'Neill.
Front: F. C. Culhane; B. Brown.

The ex-Juniors have arranged a capital list of fixtures and look forward to having an interesting season. With the exception of E. R. Farrell, last year's captain, who will not run out this season, the side will practically be the same as last year. G. P. O'Donnell has been elected captain and expects to lead a really good fifteen. The club will have some new blood in past members of the sister college, Rockwell, but apart from this outside help, St Mary's itself is a plentiful source for producing new blood, as no club in this Province is a more devoted supporter of the game. The ground at Beech Hill, Donnybrook, has been improved since last year, and with the secretarial reins in the energetic hands of Mr J. Power, the club should have a successful time.

St Mary's travelled to Limerick late in November to play Garryowen, the beginning of a very close liaison between the two clubs, which has endured to this day. In Shay Deering and Tony Ward, St Mary's have given to the Munster club two of the best players ever to wear the Garryowen jersey. St Mary's lost that match, 6-14, Charlie Culhane, who had gained his schools Interpro the previous year, and was still at school, scoring the St Mary's try. It was Charlie's misfortune that World War I intervened while he was at his peak, but he did gain a Senior Interpro for Leinster while playing for Bective in 1920. When the draw for the Leinster Senior Cup was made in February 1914, St Mary's were drawn against Monkstown in the first round. The match was played on Saturday, March 14. *Sport* takes it up:

In their meeting with Monkstown in the initial match of the Senior Cup Competition, there were not many who could have looked for a victory for St Mary's College. Frankly, it has been a lean year for them; there has been considerable weakness, fore and aft, but the players as well as the spectators of this popular club can find solace in the fact that such a state of affairs occurs in the history of all organisations of the kind. On this occasion they

were defeated by 2 tries (6pts) to nil, a score, be it said, that was about a fair reflection of the fortunes of the game.

The Leinster Senior Cup was won that year by Bective Rangers and was the last official rugby competition for clubs until 1920. World War I broke out in August 1914 and the IRFU cancelled all competitions, except at school level, until the end of hostilities. Blackrock and St Mary's played each other early in 1915 in a charity match, the proceeds going to the Belgian Fund. University College and St Mary's played twice in March 1915. That ended Old St Mary's' participation in senior rugby, and, indeed, in all club rugby for seventeen years. The school closed in June 1916 and, with the closure, all activity on the part of the past pupils' societies and clubs. When the World War finally ended in 1918, the rugby threads were not taken up immediately because demobilisation of the forces did not take place immediately for everyone. It was another year before many returned home, and even longer for those, for instance, who had gone to fight the Bolsheviks in Archangel in 1918. But official rugby did recommence in the 1919-20 season, and in the absence of an Old St Mary's Club, many of the past joined other clubs, notably Bective Rangers, and made their mark there, particularly Dr Paddy Roddy, Charlie Culhane and Joseph B. Clarke, all of whom played for Leinster and two of whom played for Ireland as will be seen later.

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ST. MARY'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Junior and Minor
League Teams.

FIXTURES 1910-11.

FIXTURES									
1st XV. St. Mary's College R.F.C., Season 1910-11.					2nd XV.				
Date	Opponents	Ground	Result		Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	
Oct. 1	Palmerston				Oct. 1	Palmerston II.			
15	Royal Vet. Coll.	Away			15	R. & S.P. Union II.	Home		
22	Wanderers II.	Away			22	Lansdowne III.	Away		
Nov. 5	Lansdowne II.	Home			29	Bective III.	Home		
12	Trinity II.	L			Nov. 5	Blackrock III.	Away		
19	Palmerston	L			12	Trinity III.	Home		
26	Hospitals Match: Newport & Co. Dublin	L			16	Royal Vet. Coll. II	Home		
30	Monkstown II.	L			19	Monkstown III.	Home		
Dec. 3	Merrion	Home			23	Wanderers III.	Home		
10	Wanderers II.	L			27	Sutton	Away		
17	Lansdowne II.	L			31	Sutton	Home		
1911					1911				
Jan. 7	Dundalk	Away			Jan. 14	Sandford II.	L		
14	R. & S. P. Union	Away			18	Wanderers III.	L		
21	Merrion	Away			21	Merrion II.	Home		
Feb. 1	Royal Vet. Coll.	Home			28	Monkstown III.	L		
4	Carlow	Home			4	Bective III.	L		
11	England v Ireland	Away			8	Royal Vet. Coll. II	Home		
		L			11	England v Ireland	L		
18	Palmerston	Home							
25	Monkstown II.	L			15	Lansdowne III.	L		
Mar. 4	Trinity II.	L			25	Merrion II.	Away		
		L			Mar. 4	Trinity III.	L		

L.—Junior League Matches

L.—Minor League Matches.

St. Mary's College RFC Fixtures Cards 1910-11 and 1911-12



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE R. F. C.

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Chapter Eight

Personalities

1900-1916

NATIONALISM

AS THE LATEST biographer of Kevin Barry states, St Mary's never claimed a strong Republican tradition (*Kevin Barry* by D. O'Donovan, Glendale Press 1989). Perhaps this is understandable, given the French antecedents of the College, although St Mary's, in fact, was the first house of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland to have started with an Irishman at the head and with an almost entirely Irish community. Nevertheless, they were Irishmen who had obtained their training in France from Frenchmen, and may, as a consequence, have been less subjective in their outlook on national affairs. At the same time, one of the earliest descriptions of the college, quoted earlier, mentions: "On feastsdays and other significant occasions, the green flag of Erin waves over the little hill on which the college was built". Hardly the attitude of West Britons.

With the majority of the boys coming from middle class or professional class families, with whom security would have had an importance understandable in the economic climate of the time, the attitude among the boys in the school probably reflected accurately enough the attitude of their section of the population. Most people inherit their politics rather than acquire them – in school or elsewhere, although a school can do much to nourish or discourage. As 1916 was to prove, when the leaders who surrendered were led through the streets of Dublin amid hostile crowds, it was only a small minority who backed the Rising, until the British began to execute those leaders. In the book already quoted above, Donal O'Donovan states that "At St Mary's, the parents of some of the boys were active separatists". Very likely that statement was true of every school in the country, and in proportion to its size, St Mary's probably produced as many patriots as any other school in the city. It may, and it may not, be symptomatic of the general attitude in the community in St Mary's at the time, that two members of the domestic staff working in the college, William Morris, described as employed as a butler, and Joseph Byrne, described as a gardener, were arrested for taking part in the 1916 Rising and were interned in Knutsford Prison in England. It was a very divisive time in the country. "We will die," said Tom Clarke, "but it will be a different Ireland after us". And so it was.

Bernard Reid

Indicative of the uncertainty that filled the minds of many at that time is the case of Bernard Reid. He was born in Dublin in 1886 and came to St Mary's before the close of the century. He did his Preparatory Grade in 1901 and followed this with the Junior, Middle and Senior Grades in successive years, which was no mean feat. After leaving

school he went to University College, St Stephen's Green, when the Universities Act of 1908 established the National University. He plunged into all the college activities and was editor of *The Nationalist Student*, the student magazine. According to Professor George O'Brien he "showed signs of great literary talent". Eoin MacNeill founded the Irish Volunteers in answer to Carson's Ulster Volunteer Force in 1913. Bernard wrote an editorial in the *Nationalist Student*, urging students to join up, and he himself did so and participated in the Howth gun-running in 1914. In those heady days before the outbreak of the Great War, there was a unity among the various sections, political and cultural, which found Sinn Féin, the Irish Party, the IRB, Labour, Clann na nGael, United Ireland League and Gaelic League united as never before, and, indeed, never since. The war changed all that. Redmond, the head of the Irish Parliamentary Party and the nominal head of the Irish Volunteers (the IRB held all the important posts), stood up in the House of Commons and assured the House that British troops could safely be withdrawn from Ireland to fight Germany, and the Volunteers, north and south, would ensure the defence of all Ireland. This was in return for Home Rule. When the Home Rule Bill was ready on September 18 and needed only the Royal Assent, Redmond allowed it to go to his head and urged his followers in the Volunteers to join the British Army "in defence of right, of freedom and of religion in this war". The Irish Volunteers were split, about 170,000 sided with Redmond and became the Irish National Volunteers, while only about 10,000 remained with MacNeill. Britain reneged on the granting of Home Rule, postponing it until after the war.

Meanwhile, at the very outset of the war and before all this manoeuvring took place which led to the split, Bernard Reid offered his services to the French. His application was postponed, and as time was passing, like many other idealistic young men he did not wish to miss taking part. Believing as millions did that the war would be over by Christmas, he joined the Leinster Regiment and the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and went into action in France where he was killed in 1916. Perhaps if he had not been so precipitate, he might have thrown in his lot with Pearse and died on another field in that same year. Of one thing we can be sure – no matter where, it would have been for the highest ideals. The lines written by Tom Kettle, who also died on Flanders fields, would have been as true of Bernard as of most of the other idealistic Irishmen who died in that war:

Know that we fools, now with the foolish dead,
Died not for Flag, nor King, nor Emperor –
But for a dream, born in a herdman's shed,
And for the secret scripture of the poor.

THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE

The issue of nationalism has always, and probably will always be joined to the issue of the Irish language. That it was not neglected in St Mary's can be seen by the specialist teachers engaged from time to time, while in Fr Martin O'Mahony (1878-1944) the school had a teacher whose enthusiasm for the language was matched by his knowledge and ability. The place of Irish in St Mary's can also be seen in the subsequent careers of people like Seamus Ó Braonáin, who, for a number of years was Secretary to the Commission on Irish in the Civil Service; Dr T. J. Kiernan, Extern Examiner in Economics through Irish for the NUI; Cathal Ó hÓgáin, son of one of the founders of the Gaelic League, Seán Ó hÓgáin; Colm Ó Lochlainn, Professor of Modern Irish, UCD; the sons of Prof. Eoin MacNeill,

Niall, Brian and Turlough. The language/nationalism nexus can also be seen in the boys who came to St Mary's from Padraic Pearse's school in Cullenswood House, Oakley Road, Ranelagh, later to be transferred to Rathfarnham House and called Coláiste Éanna. Among those who transferred to St Mary's were two sets of brothers, John (Seán) and Frank Dowling, Domhnall and Diarmuid MacCarthaigh (McCarthy). All were involved in the Independence Struggle after they left school. The O'Rahilly, who sent his eldest son to St Enda's at the tender age of 6, later sent three sons, Richard, Aodhgan and Niall, to St Mary's shortly before the school closed down in 1916. This is significant in view of the stand that The O'Rahilly took to promote all things Irish, manufactured goods, an Irish flag for Pembroke Urban District, street names in Irish, acceptance of Irish by the postal authorities, to mention a few random causes he espoused. The O'Rahilly who equally with Eoin MacNeil, was deceived by Patrick Pearse and the IRB regarding the Easter Rising, tried to stop it, but on his return to Dublin and finding it a *fait accompli*, threw in his lot with Pearse in the GPO and lost his life in the retreat from the burning building. It was his second son, Aodhgan, that he sent to the MacNeil home in Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, with his report on his trip to Limerick in the effort to call off the Rising. Cathal Ó hÓgáin, mentioned above, was also a language enthusiast who took part in the fighting, as did Colm Ó Lochlainn.

The MacNeils

Niall, Brian and Turlough MacNeil all came to St Mary's in January 1913 and remained until the school closed in 1916. Joseph the youngest boy, came in 1915 for the school's last year before closing. Turlough's name appears on the 1914 Programme for the Distribution of Prizes when he was in Preparatory 2. He got honours in all subjects and 1st Place in Irish. He was a classmate of Domhnall McCarthy, Maurice Blunden, Frank Purcell, Raymond Victory, Tom Tierney and others. Niall sat for the Middle Grade in 1915 and passed, with Jimmy O'Dea, Morgan Kavanagh, Joe Maguire and others. Brian passed Junior Grade with Ken O'Dea, Bob Donovan, P. R. Gogan, John Farrell, Cathal Ó hÓgáin and others. Niall failed Senior Grade in 1916, but when we consider the traumatic events in the family's and the nation's life from Easter on, that is scarcely to be wondered at. Brian, less closely involved in events, passed the Middle Grade.

In the events leading up to the Rising in 1916 Niall was used by his father as a reliable courier with dispatches to the various leaders. On his way with such dispatches to the authorities in Portobello Barracks on Easter Monday morning, the firing at Portobello Bridge held him up. The Unit of the Irish Citizen Army holding St Stephen's Green had sent a detachment under Sgt. Joseph Doyle to take over Davy's (now Searson's) public house at the bridge and they had engaged the soldiers who were being dispatched into the city to investigate the rumoured disturbances there. The firing went on for a long time before the revolutionaries began to fall back slowly, first to Kelly's Corner, then to Harcourt St Railway Station and finally to their entrenched positions round Stephen's Green. Niall returned to his father in their home in "Woodtown" in Ballyboden, Rathfarnham, only to be told to go back once more and if he was stopped again, to demand to be arrested and brought before the Commanding Officer, to whom he was to give the dispatch. At this time Niall was still at school and it is interesting to note that, while the Rising took place during the Easter school break, the subsequent events, including the arrest and imprisonment of Prof. MacNeil, took place during the term and yet, according to the school roll, none of the MacNeil boys is marked absent at that time.

*Professor
Eoin Mac Neil
and his sons,
Brian (left)
and Niall*



With her husband in prison, Mrs MacNeil was in straitened circumstances but she received help from a number of sources. The elder daughters had been attending Muckross College in Ranelagh. The Dominican Sisters took them in as boarders. The Professor's brother, James, who later became Governor-General, arranged for Brian and Turlough to become boarders in Blackrock College. Mrs MacNeil kept the youngest, Joseph, at home with herself. Niall had finished school and was apprenticed to a solicitor but later went to UCD where he was prominent in many of the College's extra-curricular activities, and in particular, the activities of the L&H Society, of which he became Correspondence Secretary for Daniel Binchy, the Auditor. With Brian, he was active in the War of Independence, but, unlike him, he joined the Free State Army after the Treaty, making the army his career and rising to Colonel. Brian was captured outside Sligo by the Free State Army and shot, it is claimed, while trying to escape. Professor MacNeil was elected MP for Fermanagh on his release from prison in the general amnesty, and he resumed his post in UCD of Professor of Ancient Celtic Literature.

Seán P. Dowling

John (Seán) P. Dowling was born on January 27, 1896, his brother, Frank, on November 8, 1898. Both went to Synge Street Christian Brothers' School before enrolling in 1908 and 1909 in Padraic Pearse's new Irish school, Coláiste Éanna, in Cullenswood House, Ranelagh. John, called Eoin by Pearse and Seán for most of his adult life, played the leading part in the school play in 1910, *Da Dearga's Hostel*, written specially for the school by Padraic Colum and performed in the Abbey Theatre that April by the schoolboys. He was the star pupil, distinguishing himself in the Junior Grade Intermediate examination that same year by winning an Exhibition in Modern Literature, and prizes in Science and Irish. When Pearse moved his school to Rathfarnham, a number of the boys preferred to attend school nearer home. The Dowling boys as well as the McCarthys did this, and began to attend St Mary's from their Harold's Cross home. John passed his Senior Grade in 1913 and went on to UCD where he first did Arts and, according to Todd Andrews, was offered a lectureship in English Literature by Prof. Thomas MacDonagh, but for some unexplained

reason changed to dentistry, the profession he followed for the rest of his life. The only sport he was interested in at university was boxing, and he was light-weight champion of UCD. His favourite recreation was fly-fishing, and he fished every river and stream in Dublin and Meath.

Seán Dowling, who had spent summer holidays in Rosmuc, Connemara, with the Pearse family, continued to follow Pearse after school and took an active part in the Easter Rising of 1916, and later in the War of Independence. He took the anti-Treaty side in the Civil War and rose to be a Senior Commandant in the Republican Army and a member of the Army Executive. He was C/O of the 4th Battalion of the Dublin Brigade, his brother Frank being Lieutenant of C Company, and defended Hammam Hotel in O'Connell Street while Rory O'Connor held the Four Courts. Later he became Director of Organisation in the IRA after Ernie O'Malley.

He was a most accomplished man; a fluent Irish speaker, an excellent pianist and singer, a talented painter. While continuing his profession as dentist, he was art critic of *Ireland Today* for a number of years in the '30s and wrote a number of plays, two of which were produced by the Abbey Theatre. He died at the age of 92, having been for a number of years Chairman of the Fianna Fáil Party.

Probably the two most prominent names from St Mary's in this phase of Irish history were Rory O'Connor and Kevin Barry.

Rory O'Connor

Rory O'Connor was born at 23 Kildare Street, Dublin, on Nov. 28, 1883. The first school he attended was in Charleville Road, Rathmines. This must have been the Loreto Sisters who moved to Charleville House from 4-5 Kenilworth Square, in 1889. Charleville House was the first property that the Holy Ghost Fathers had their eyes on when considering opening a day school in the Rathmines area, only to be pipped at the post by the Loreto Sisters. This was providential because the site eventually acquired, Larkhill, was much superior, both in extent and situation.

Rory came to St Mary's with his brother Charles and enrolled in June 1892. Charles left at the end of the academic year to continue in Clongowes, while Rory, who was known as Rody – short for Roderick – stayed on for three more years before following elder brother, Charles, to Clongowes where he finished his secondary studies in 1901. In October 1906 he got his B.A. from the Royal University and took a degree in engineering in the new National University in 1910. During his university days he became involved in politics and joined the Young Ireland Branch of the United Ireland League. When the branch was expelled from the League as too radical, he seemed to lose interest in parliamentary politics. He was described by a contemporary as “. . . a quiet, gentle soul, a lovable companion, but physically very frail; and like many of us in Ireland, he had trouble with his lungs. For reasons of health he had to leave Ireland in or about 1910, and I attended a farewell dinner which many of his College friends gave for him in the Dolphin Hotel on the eve of his departure for Canada. (E. Sheehy: Cent. Hist: L & H).

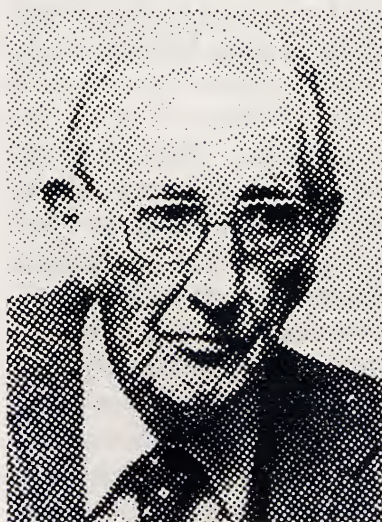
In 1911 he took up an appointment with the Canadian Pacific Railway and for four years was engaged in building 1500 miles of transcontinental railroad. Some of the leaders of the Irish Republican Brotherhood recalled him to Ireland to join them in the physical force movement for the independence of Ireland. He joined the engineering department of Dublin Corporation and was responsible for the planning and construction of one of the best boulevard-style of streets in the city – Griffith Avenue.

During the Easter Week Rising he was wounded but after his recovery continued an active role in the struggle as Director of Engineering with the rank of Major-General. He organised successfully a number of prison escapes, from Strangeways and Mountjoy, and was sent to England to organise diversionary activity there. The activity included the burning of three timber yards on the Liverpool Docks, causing over £2 million worth of damage, and extensive fires on Newcastle Docks, all with no loss of life. In January 1921 he was captured and confined in Dublin Castle and then in an internment camp on the Curragh, from which he escaped with a Mr Ryan of Tipperary, the first two Republicans ever to escape from an internment camp. He was anti-Treaty from the beginning and with Liam Mellows organised the defence of the Four Courts on that fateful June 28, 1922, which may rightly be called the start of the Civil War.

It is an interesting coincidence that the courier who brought the Free State Government's demand for the evacuation of the Four Courts, was Aloys Petit de Mange, Dublin-born son of the Chef de Cuisine at the Gresham Hotel and himself a past pupil of St Mary's. On receiving the reply to the note that there was no answer, Petit de Mange delayed his return to the GHQ in Beggars Bush, and as a result, it was thought that he was held prisoner. On his return about midnight, a final demand was sent, giving the Republicans twenty minutes in which to parade by the Liffey wall without arms. When the ultimatum ran out, the shelling from across the river began. On June 30, the Four Courts garrison surrendered and Rory was jailed in Mountjoy.

The following December the Free State cabinet made the order for the execution of four Republican prisoners, Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey, as a deterrent to further assassinations in the wake of that of Sean Hales, T.D. Rory had been bestman at the wedding of Kevin O'Higgins in the previous year, and now O'Higgins, who, with Joe McGrath, had been the strongest opponent of the order and only consented to show unanimity with the majority, had to carry out that order as Minister for Defence.

On the morning of December 8, 1922, Rory O'Connor sent for the chaplain of Wellington Barracks, Fr Piggott, who spent two hours with Rory, Joe and Dick, who went to confession and received Holy Communion at Mass. Liam Mellows had refused the ministrations of the priest, fearing that more would be asked of him in submission than he would be able in conscience to give, but finally, at the very last moment, when he was already blindfolded, Liam consented and received the Last Rites.



Seán P. Dowling



Rory O'Connor



Kevin Barry

The following is the last letter written by Rory O'Connor. It is to his sister Eily:

Mountjoy,
8 December 1922
About 7 a.m.

Dear sister Eily,

I have just finished a General Confession. I am going calmly to death with four dear comrades. Is it not the grace of God that I am given time to confess and not like some others who have to answer the call without notice.

Dearest: You and all will mourn for me. DO NOT DO SO. Is it not a magnificent death?

I forgive all my enemies. I have never felt any feelings of revenge.

Were you aware that the devotion of my life has been to the Blessed Virgin and this day I had just finished a novena in honour of the Immaculate Conception. The anniversary of my First Holy Communion. God bless you and protect you all.

Your loving – if undemonstrative brother,
Rory

Kevin Barry

Kevin Barry came to St Mary's in September 1915 as a 13-year old. He was born in Fleet Street, Dublin, on January 20, 1902, to Tom and Mary (née Dowling) Barry, who had come to Dublin from Tombeagh, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, to open a dairy with Tom's sister, Judith. Kevin was fourth in a family of seven, and attended school first in Holy Faith Convent, Clarendon Street. When his father died in 1908, Mary decided to bring the four youngest children back to the family farm in Tombeagh and Kevin continued school in Rathvilly National School until 1915 when he returned to Fleet Street. For three months he attended O'Connell Schools with the Christian Brothers before enrolling in St Mary's in September 1915.

A class-mate at St Mary's was Bobby Bonfield of Moyne Road, Ranelagh, who accompanied Kevin to a concert in the Mansion House in commemoration of the Manchester Martyrs in November, an event which affected Kevin greatly and probably moved him to join the Fianna Boys, the youth branch of the Volunteers, his first step on the road to involvement in the struggle for Irish freedom. When St Mary's closed down as a secondary school in June 1916, Kevin, with the rest of the boys who had to finish their schooling, had to find another school. His family chose Belvedere College for him as the most adjacent, since the best was no longer available! Over a dozen other boys from St Mary's joined him in Belvedere, (including John Farrell who was Auditor of the L&H Debating Society while Kevin was in UCD, and later became a District Justice). Kevin led a very happy school life, participating in every area of school activity as a very normal boy. He passed Junior Grade in 1917, got honours and third place in Middle Grade in 1918, passed Senior Grade and matriculated in his final year, 1919, winning a Dublin Corporation scholarship to the university. He was a sub on the JCT which defeated Blackrock in 1917, but a full member of the SCT which was beaten in the semi-finals by Blackrock in 1919. His position was hooker. He also played cricket though there are no records of his prowess. When hurling was introduced into Belvedere that year, Kevin was one of the first to try out for it.

University life seemed made for this happy, life-loving young man who threw himself into every activity within the walls of Earlsfort Terrace and its environs. His medical studies were peripheral to everything else. And among the everything else was his

increasing involvement with the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Irish Volunteers which he had joined in 1917 at the age of fifteen. Used first merely as an orderly riding round the city on his bicycle delivering mustering notices for parades and meetings, his enthusiasm and dedication won him the respect of his elders in the Company and we find him taking active part in a raid for arms on the King's Inns in June 1920, and in the following month in an attempt to burn the military barracks at Aughavannagh, county Wicklow. It is hardly surprising that he was among the inordinate number of 73 who were failed that year in First Med. Kevin was due to take his final paper in the Repeat examination on September 20, 1920. That morning he was arrested during the attempt to capture and disarm a troop of British soldiers picking up supplies at Monks' Bakery in Church Street. Three soldiers were killed in the raid and Kevin, who had dived under the army lorry when his gun had jammed, was captured. During the following weeks he was interrogated with torture, charged with murder, tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The priest who attended him at the end, said his final Mass and anointed him, was Fr Matthew McMahon, Dean of Clonliffe College and former member of the lay staff of St. Mary's College.

Tom Counihan S.J. had been a Jesuit Scholastic teaching in Belvedere. He was Kevin's maths teacher, rugby coach and friend. On the night before the execution he was told that Kevin wished to see him and he left a report of that meeting, part of which is quoted in O'Donovan's *Kevin Barry and His Times*.

"I have a clean slate now, and am glad to offer my life in atonement for my sins."

On November 1, 1920, the execution took place in Mountjoy.

Bobby Bonfield

Bobby Bonfield was a classmate of Todd Andrews in Synge Street CBS before transferring to St Mary's where he did his Preparatory Grade examination in 1916 with Kevin Barry, although he had come the year before Kevin to the school. They were close friends and shared the same aspirations for a free Ireland. We have seen how it was at Bobby's instigation that the pair went to the Mansion House for that rally on the occasion of the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs, which made such an impression on Kevin. When the college closed that summer of 1916, Bobby also went to Belvedere to finish his schooling. He took an active part in the War of Independence and threw in his lot with the Republican side on the Treaty issue. He was a member of the 4th Dublin Battalion and was shot in an engagement with the Free State forces at Clondalkin in 1923.

Gerard Crofts

Another past pupil was Gerard Crofts who found himself in Frongoch internment camp in North Wales after the Easter Rising 1916. Gerard came to St Mary's in September 1899 and passed his Middle Grade in 1903. He saw action in 1916 in the GPO area, taking a suicidally-exposed position in a tram at Nelson's Pillar in order to halt the Hussars charging from O'Connell Bridge. When the original charge was halted, he withdrew with his companions under withering fire to the Hammam Building opposite the GPO. After the surrender he was sentenced to ten years penal servitude. He was released early from Frongoch because of ill health. He will be long remembered as a singer of Irish ballads. It was he who introduced the 'rebel' song, All for Ireland, composed by Eamon Ceannt, one of the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. He was in constant demand, like Fred Jeffs, for concerts on the stage and radio. He died on November 14, 1934.

John Gogan

John was one of the five Gogan brothers who went to St Mary's, three generations of whom have now come to the school. John was born in 1892 and came to St Mary's in 1900, following in the footsteps of his brother Tom. He passed Preparatory Grade in 1902 and Junior Grade in '07 and '08, and during his schooldays was active particularly in dramatics which he continued to pursue after he left school, taking part, as we have seen, in the affairs of the Past Pupils Dramatic Society and the Irish Theatre Company, along with a group of like-minded past students. He took part in the 1916 Rising and was interned in Frongoch where he was member of the General Council of the prisoners. He was released in the general amnesty in 1917, and continued his interest in amateur dramatics with the Past Students' Union Dramatic Society into the '30s. He was elected President of the PPU in 1937 in recognition of his work for the college, past and present. He was the father of Fr Gerry, CSSp and Larry, RTE.

Cathal Ó hÓgáin

Cathal Ó hÓgáin was the son of Sean Hogan, one of the founders of the Gaelic League with Dr Douglas Hyde. Although it was a non-sectarian, non-political organisation, devoted to the promotion of all things Gaelic, it was, in the words of Padraic Pearse: "The most revolutionary influence that has ever come into Ireland. The Irish Revolution really began when the seven proto-Gaelic Leaguers met in O'Connell St . . . The germ of all future Irish history was in that back room". (*The Irish Volunteer*, Feb. 1914). Cathal was in St Mary's until its closure and sat for his Middle Grade in 1916. On leaving school he joined the Volunteers and fought in the War of Independence and in the Civil War which followed. Afterwards, in 1923, he emigrated to New Zealand where he remained until his death in 1961.

Frank Doherty

Frank was in St Mary's at the turn of the century, and distinguished himself at both rugby and cricket, at school and with the Past. He won Junior Interprovincial caps for Leinster in rugby in 1907 and 1908. After school, he too joined the Volunteers and took part in the gun-running at Howth in 1914, as well as the Rising in 1916. He was one of the re-founders of the Past Pupils' Union and St. Mary's RFC, being closely involved with Fr. Ernest Farrell in reviving both the union and the club after the re-opening of the school in 1926. He was an active member of the Selection Committee of the rugby club for many years and was President in 1958 when the club won the Leinster Cup for the first time.

When he left St Mary's in 1904 he entered Alex Thom until 1920 when he took over the family paper and printing-ink importing business after his father became ill. He founded Killeen Paper Mills and later, Glenside Printing Ink Co. in 1934, becoming chairman of the company in 1958.

All his life he was a keen sportsman. Besides rugby and cricket, tennis also interested him, and he was good enough to play with J. C. Parkes of Trinity, the then world champion, and rugby international. His three sons and some of his grandsons also attended St Mary's. He died in an accident on Christmas Eve, 1963.

THEATRE

John Dudley Digges

We have seen that theatrical productions were a feature of St Mary's from the very beginning. A play and a concert were presented within three months of the opening of the college in 1890. As early as the year 1893 we find the name of John Dudley Digges,



John G. Gogan



Gerald Crofts



Frank Doherty

who was playing the part of the Earl of Pembroke in scenes from Shakespeare's *King John*. On leaving school, John turned to acting and joined the brothers, Frank and Willie Fay, in their theatrical adventures which pre-dated the Abbey Theatre. He appeared in a number of their plays presented in their Camden St theatre, and when Willie Fay took over the work of producing for the fledgling Irish Literary Theatre on its foundation by Yeats, Martyn and Lady Gregory in 1899, Dudley was one of the players recruited. He was in the company when the split came in 1904, Martyn and others disagreeing with the policy of Yeats and Lady Gregory, and Dudley left with a number of the other members of the company to appear in Irish plays at the St Louis Fair in 1904. He remained on in America, apart from short holidays at home and became a power on Broadway with the New York Theatre Guild. He made occasional forays to Hollywood and Halliwell lists 41 of his films, including *The Invisible Man*, *Mutiny on the Pounty*, *The General Died At Dawn*, *The Light That Failed*, *Raffles* and *Son of Fury*. He died in 1947 at the age of 68.

Jimmy O'Dea

Undoubtedly, the outstanding theatrical personality to come out of St Mary's was James A. O'Dea, who came here with his two brothers, Canice and Lionel, and did his Middle Grade in 1915. While Halliwell lists seven films in which he appeared, including the *Rising of the Moon*, and *Darby McGill and the Little People*, it was live on stage that Jimmy O'Dea made his greatest impact and won the hearts of all Dublin, and indeed all Ireland. He was, without doubt, Ireland's greatest comedian and greatest pantomimist. His recorded comic sketches with Harry O'Donovan (the writer of most of them and whose son went to St. Mary's) are probably among the earliest and most cherished memories of those throughout the country who were fortunate enough to possess gramophones or listened to the Sponsored Programmes on Radio Éireann in the 1930s.

Jimmy's two brothers, Lionel and Canice, came to St Mary's with their elder brother and stayed on after he left to become apprenticed to an optician on the quays. They too had been bitten by the stage 'bug' and appeared with Jimmy in many of his shows, pantomimes, radio and film appearances, as Ken O'Dea and Lionel Day. Ken had a separate career as a singer and pianist in variety shows, while Lal (Lionel) was in the Radio Éireann Players for many years. Their young sister Rita, who became a qualified optician, ran the optical business for her elder brother, who very soon became much too busy for such mundane work. Rita was an accomplished actress in her own right, although she confined herself



John Dudley Digges



Jimmy O'Dea



Tom Gogan

to the amateur stage. She appeared in many of the productions staged by the St Mary's Past Students Dramatic Society.

P. R. Gogan

On the other side of the footlights – or in the front of the house – was another member of one of the 'extended' St Mary's families – the Gogans. Pat Robert Gogan, known throughout the theatreland as P. R., was one of five brothers who were in St Mary's from September 1895 till the closure in 1916, beginning with Tom and ending with Lorcan. Two of them, John and Lorcan were Presidents of the Union, in 1937 and 1962 respectively. Pat's three sons, Paddy, Terry and George were also pupils, as were many nephews and cousins, including three Holy Ghost Fathers, Cothraighe, Gerry and Brian. The entertainment profession has been carried on in the family by P. R.'s godson, Larry, a voice well-known to all 2FM listeners.

P. R. was an amateur actor of considerable talent which he used to effect in the St Mary's Past Pupils' Dramatic Society, which was a cultural force in the life of Dublin city during the '20s and '30s, with numerous well-received presentations even in the Abbey Theatre.

P. R. became Manager of the Theatre Royal in its heyday in the '40s and '50s, and then of the Queens, where he helped to launch the careers of many of the well-known personalities of today's theatre and television. He was a kind, gentle man, who will be best remembered for his helpfulness to others.

Thomas Gogan

Tom Gogan was another of the illustrious Gogan Clan whose life was bound up in entertainment. From the time he left school in 1905, having passed Senior Grade, he was associated with show business, first with the Abercorn Hall Cinema on Harcourt Road (one of the very first commercial cinemas in Dublin, now long vanished), and later as Manager of the Coliseum, Henry St, partly destroyed by fire during the 1916 Rising and later knocked down. Then he was successively Manager of the Carlton, the Theatre Royal, the Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire, and the Astor. For a number of years before his death in 1961 he was President of the Irish Film Institute. After his death, Noel Moran, Film Critic of the *Evening Herald*, wrote: "The death of Tom Gogan removes one of the best-loved figures in the Dublin cinema world . . . To Tom, the cinema was more than an occupation . . . His appreciation of the cinema transcended commercialism. It was aesthetic in the extreme. To him, cinema was an art".

Leo McCabe

Leo McCabe spent only two years in St Mary's, where he seems to have been more notable for his absence than for his presence. He was the heir to a prominent fish and poultry firm in Dublin, in which he took not the slightest interest during his life. There is no record of his having taken part in any dramatics while in St Mary's. He did his Preparatory Grade examination in 1914 and failed to return after the summer holidays in 1915. He obviously passed his Matriculation because we find him in the Trinity College Dramatic Society (DUDS) in 1928, where he was a shining light. He played in London and the provinces before joining up with an English thespian, Stanley Ilsley, to form a theatrical production company they called IMP (Ilsley/McCabe Productions).

The first production of the fledgling company was in the 102-seat Peacock Theatre on St Patrick's Day, 1940. It was the Irish première of Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, and proved so successful that it was transferred to the larger Gaiety Theatre for a long run. IMP presented a number of seasons in Dublin, Belfast and Cork before settling in the Olympia Theatre. Leo's father learned that the theatre was for sale, so he formed a company with his friends T.P. and J.J. Robinson to purchase it. Leo and Stanley owned 25% of the shares and were appointed Managing Directors. Their aim was summed up in their slogan *World Theatre – At Your Doorstep*, and that was literally what they brought to Dublin, productions from all over the world – Ballet and Dance Companies from England, the U.S., South America, Europe, Japan and Africa; star-studded presentations from London and countless world premières. Noel Coward himself attended many of the Irish premières of his plays in the Olympia. Apart from 'legitimate' theatre, the Olympia played host to a great variety of productions, Arthur Rubinstein on piano; Teresa and Luisillo, Spanish Dancers; Laurel and Hardy; Pilar Lopez and Company; an Ice Carnival; Emlyn Williams with his one-man shows, "Dickens" and "Dylan Thomas". After thirteen years, Leo and his partner returned to London where they had begun their acting careers, engaging mainly in stage and television, until they retired to Kilpeddar in county Wicklow.

ACADEMICS

Pierce F. Purcell

Pierce F. Purcell was born in October 1881 and came to St Mary's in February 1893 in the College's third year of its existence. He was a contemporary of Fr Tom Farrell, Msgr. Daniel Moloney, Jim Brennan, Bob Kinahan, Pat Laracy and others. He did the Junior Grade in both 1896 and the following year, much as people repeat the Inter Cert these days. Then, as often quite customary in those days too, the supposed spartan training of a



Leo McCabe



John J. Dowling



Colm Ó Lochlainn

boarding school, induced his parents to send him to Castleknock College for the last two years of his education.

He entered the School of Engineering in Trinity College in 1899. In the final exam in Engineering in 1902 he was awarded first place with credits in all subjects and the Professor's Prize in Geology. In the following year he took his Senior Moderatorship with the Gold Medal in Experimental Science. From 1904-1909 he worked on the engineering staff of the London County Council, and was engaged in the construction of the two major thoroughfares which changed the character of west central London – Aldwych and Kingsway. He was also engaged in the construction of large tunnels in the south London area involving the use of compressed air.

His appointment as the first Professor of Civil Engineering in University College, Dublin, in November 1909, was a happy choice. Looking back over the forty-five years during which he held the post, it is difficult to realise the enormity of the task that confronted the young man, only twenty-eight at the time. Faced with the competition of three other prosperous and famous schools of engineering, the new school secured recognition as their equal in a surprisingly short period and soon surpassed them in numbers. Under Professor Purcell the faculty underwent great changes. In 1926 the College of Science in Merrion St was merged with UCD bringing in a well-organised and flourishing Mechanical Engineering department. This was again divided into two departments, to which, just before Professor Purcell's retirement, was added a department of Chemical Engineering.

For thirty years, Prof. Purcell was a member of the Governing Body of the College and the longtime Chairman of the Academic Staff Association. He made a major contribution to the securing of a site for the new college buildings in Belfield. Outside the university he was the Secretary of the Irish Peat Enquiry Committee from 1917-1919, Peat Investigation Officer to the Fuel Research Board from 1920-28. He served as Technical Adviser to the government in connection with peat development. In his own profession he was Hon. Sec., President and Hon. Treasurer of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland. After retirement he continued to put at the disposal of the college authorities the accumulated wisdom and experience of his years, particularly in regard to sites and buildings. He was truly one of the principal makers of the new university college in Belfield. A keen golfer his name is perpetuated in the Annual Shield Competition which bears his name.

John J. Dowling

John Joseph Dowling was born on June 21, 1886, and came to St Mary's in 1895 at the age of nine. He was considered too young in 1898 for the Preparatory Grade examination, and when he was preparing for the 1900 exam he broke his arm and was unable to write. However, he more than made up for it in the Junior Grade in 1902 by gaining an Exhibition in Experimental Science. In the Middle Grade the following year he got honours in seven subjects and the medal for Experimental Science. In his Senior Grade in 1904 he got honours in eight subjects and went on after school to obtain an M.A. from the Royal University. When the National University of Ireland was established in 1908, he was a foundation-member of the Faculty of Science at UCD and became one of Ireland's foremost physicists.

During World War II he took charge of the Emergency Research Bureau, and later was a founder-member of the Institutue for Industrial Research and Standards. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Physicists and government nominee on the Governing Body of UCD. At his death in 1960, Prof. T. S. Wheeler stated: "Many generations of students have passed through his hands and many of them have distinguished themselves in the field of physics. He will long be remembered by his students and colleagues as a distinguished physicist and a fine professor".

Joseph O'Reilly

Joseph Reilly (the "O" came later in life) was born on September 3, 1889, and came to St Mary's early in the new century. He sat for the Middle Grade in 1906 and passed with flying colours, obtaining honours in seven subjects. The following year he did his Senior Grade, winning prizes in French and Chemistry. He went on to university, specialising in chemistry, and upon graduating, obtained a lectureship in his favourite subject in UCC, rising to full Professor of Chemistry. In 1940 he was awarded the coveted Boyle Medal from the Royal Dublin Society in recognition of his work in Organic Chemistry.

Colm Ó Lochlainn

William Gerald O'Loughlin came to St Mary's in September 1903, having been born on October 16, 1892. He passed his Preparatory Grade in 1906, his Junior Grade with honours in 1907, winning a 1st Class Exhibition and a prize for French Composition. He gained his Middle Grade in 1908 and was young enough to sit for it again in 1909 when he again won an Exhibition and a Prize, this time for English Composition. He sat for the Senior Grade in 1910, again gaining honours and a 1st Class Exhibition and a Medal, this time for 1st Place in Ireland for French. He obtained sixth place in Ireland in the Modern Literary Group. In that final year at school, he also won the Gold Medal (presented by Canon Anderson) for the Modern Literary Group in the school.

After school he went to UCD and graduated in Ancient Irish History. He became an assistant in the faculty of Modern Irish Literature. He was an outstanding scholar of Irish Language and Music and a noted Scots Gaelic scholar. He wrote a number of books on the subject.

He was also an authority on printing, publishing and typography, establishing his own printing company under The Sign of the Three Candles, which was noted for the high quality and artistic merit of its work. He was an accomplished pianist and singer of traditional Irish songs, which he had himself collected from all over the country.

Colm was also closely associated with the foundation of An Óige. He was one of the seventeen people who gathered in Newman House, St Stephen's Green, on May 7, 1931, under the chairmanship of Prof. Felix Hackett, to establish an Irish Youth Hostel Association. It was he who coined the name An Óige. He was a member of the first Executive Committee, and a Trustee and Patron for many years. For the first ten years of its existence, his own office in Fleet St was used as the An Óige office. He represented Ireland at the Inaugural International Youth Hostel Federation in 1932 and was the leading member of the Sub-Committee which designed the sign language which is used in Youth Hostels all over the world to overcome language barriers. He also designed the An Óige Handbook. His contribution to the theatre in Ireland is noted elsewhere in this book.

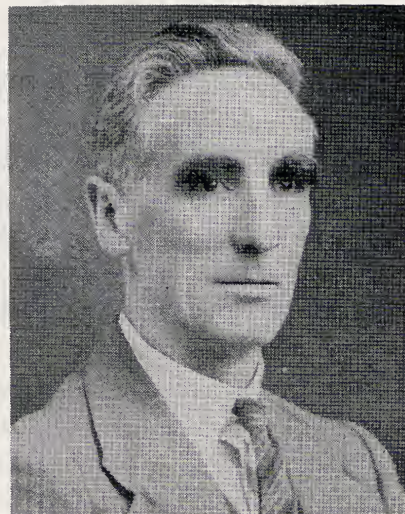
At UCD he was fully committed to the republican ideal of armed force to secure Ireland's freedom from Britain, siding with Eoin MacNeill in the Volunteer split with John Redmond, but, as an IRB member, siding with fellow-staffman at UCD, Thomas MacDonagh, against MacNeill over the 1916 Rising. It is claimed that he was instrumental in forging an alleged British Intelligence plan to suppress the Volunteers and arrest the leaders, which Pearse used as an excuse to alert the Volunteers to armed readiness, and thus have them prepared for the Easter Rising. He was pro-Treaty in 1922, but gradually seceded from active politics to pursue his academic and cultural life. He died in 1971 after a long illness.



Seamus Clandillon



Thomas J. Kiernan



Seamus Ó Braonáin

BROADCASTING

It is quite a coincidence that the first three Directors of Broadcasting in Ireland were all connected with St Mary's, Seamus Clandillon, Dr Tom Kiernan and Seamus Brennan.

Seamus Clandillon

Seamus Clandillon was on the staff of St Mary's in the early years of the century as a young man. As already mentioned, he was one of the many fine teachers of the Irish language employed by the school. Later he went into the Civil Service and became a Health Insurance Inspector. A native of Gort, county Galway, he became a well-known and popular singer of Irish ballads and the organiser of Feiseanna and concerts throughout Ireland. In November 1925 he was appointed first Director of the Broadcasting Station, 2RN, which was officially opened on January 1, 1926. Maurice Gorham, in his *Forty Years of Irish Broadcasting* says, "The first Director was a colourful character who left vivid memories of his nine years in broadcasting. It was a haphazard business, running a pioneer station and running it on a shoestring, and Clandillon was no bad choice for the job. He was an impulsive, exuberant character, and he tackled the task of launching a broadcasting service with the enthusiasm it needed if Ireland were to have a broadcasting service at all."

Dr Thomas J. Kiernan

Tom Kiernan came to St Mary's in 1904 at the age of 6½ years and stayed on to the Senior Grade, winning medals, distinctions and prizes every year. He won first-class Exhibitions in Junior and Middle Grade, with first place in Modern Languages in the latter. He won a university scholarship at his Senior Grade, and went on to a first-class Exhibition in Economics in his B.A. at UCD, and first-class honours in his M.A. He then went to London University and obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy. On his return to Ireland, he entered the Civil Service, rising to Inspector of Taxes in 1922. He was appointed Secretary to the High Commissioner in London in 1924 and filled that office until his appointment as Director of Broadcasting in 1935. He also became Extern Examiner for the NUI in Economics through Irish. Fr Martin O'Mahony, CSSp, had introduced him to Irish in St Mary's and encouraged him as well as a classmate, Colm O Lochlainn. Tom was not a blinkered swot at school. Under the tutelage of Fr J. J. O'Reilly, he blossomed into a very useful wing three-quarter at rugby.

Dr Tom was the author of three weighty tomes, *British War Finances & their Consequence* (1920), *A Study in National Finance* (1923), and *The Financial Administration*

of Ireland till 1817 (1930), as well as numerous articles in learned journals. He continued his diplomatic career as Minister to the Holy See during the war years, while Seamus Brennan, who had been his Assistant in Broadcasting, took over at Radio Eireann in 1941. From Rome Dr Kiernan went on to become ambassador in Australia, West Germany, Canada and the United States. He was married to one of Ireland's most popular ballad singers, Delia Murphy, whose "Three Lovely Lassies from Bannion", "The Spinning Wheel" and others, conjure up a whole era of Ireland as foreign to today's population as the time of Fionn MacCumhaill. He retired in 1964 and stayed on in the U.S. to administer the Irish-American Fund set up after President Kennedy's visit to Ireland in 1964. Other books by him are *The Irish Exiles in Australia*, a literary portrait of Pope Pius XII and an historic novel. He died in Dublin, December 1967.

Seámus Ó Braonáin

We are fortunate in having Seamus Brennan's own recollections of his schooldays, which he wrote for the 1963 College Annual. He was born in Durrow, county Laois, on January 21, 1881, and came to St Mary's in 1894, largely because of his family connection with the family of the President, Fr Fogarty. He was outstanding at school, academically and athletically. In his final year he was Captain of the School as well as Captain of Football. Because of their small numbers they were unable to enter a team in the Schools' Cup. They did enter a team the year after he left, 1899. He passed his Senior Grade in 1898 and entered the Civil Service, being posted to the National Education Office as it was then called until it became the Department of Education after 1922. He remained there until 1936 when he was appointed Secretary of the Commission on Irish in the Civil Service, which he held for four years before his appointment as assistant Director of Broadcasting to Dr Tom Kiernan, his fellow St Mary's man. He took over from Tom in 1941 as Director, and it was during his term that the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra was formed. Seamus retired in 1947, but continued the lifelong interest he had in the Irish language, contributing articles to newspapers and magazines in Irish. But it was his prowess at games that many people will remember. On leaving school he played for the Blackrock Club as St Mary's did not have a Past Students Club then. That was 'Rock's last year as a junior club; the next year, 1899-1900, they went senior. In 1900 Old St Mary's RFC was founded, largely through the influence of the new President of the College, Dr. Edward Crehan, and Seamus was elected captain. He also gained a Cap in the first-ever Junior Interprovincial played that year against Ulster, the first of many St Mary's men to gain Interprovincial honours. The match was played in Belfast in a downpour and he recalls that the pitch became a quagmire making good play virtually impossible. The game ended fittingly in a scoreless draw. His fellow centre was a Trinity student named Frank Casement who became an International and was a relative of Roger Casement.

In 1901 Seamus joined the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League and became an enthusiastic advocate of all things Gaelic, the language and games. He stopped playing rugby and took up hurling and Gaelic football. He admits never becoming very good at hurling which one must start early in life, but he won four All-Ireland medals in football with Dublin, between 1903 and 1909, which makes him unique among the past pupils of the school, who have gained the top honours in many sports. And if that was not enough, he was a keen athlete and cyclist, a founder-member of Donabate Golf Club, a medal-winning Irish dancer at Feiseanna, and an accomplished actor. In his article in the College Annual he wrote:

I have never for a moment regretted the course I adopted in 1901, and I would not wish to change anything that happened since... and to cap it all, it was in the Keating Branch that I met my wife.

MEDICINE

Robert D. Joyce

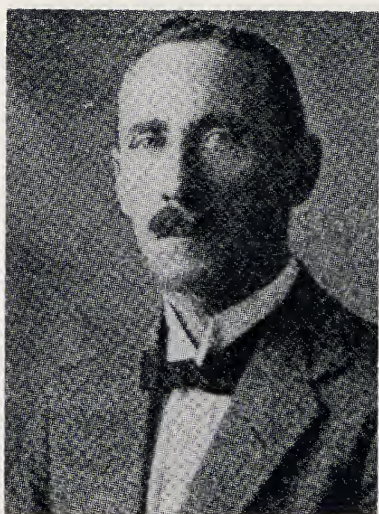
Robert Dwyer Joyce was the son of Partick Weston Joyce, *ma, lld, mria* who was the Commissioner for the Publication of Ancient Documents, a noted historian and the author of *Irish Place Names*, and lived at 71 Leinster Road. Robert's elder brothers, including Weston St. John Joyce, the author of the recently re-published *The Neighbourhood of Dublin*, and *Rambles Round Dublin*, had already finished school by the time St Mary's was opened in 1890, so only Robert arrived on that historic date. He was born in 1874, so he had only two years in St Mary's before finishing school, which made him one of our earliest past pupils. He went to the old Catholic University School of Medicine in Cecilia St, Dublin, and gained the London Conjoint Diploma in 1896. He was an outstanding student and won the Chancellor's Gold Medal in 1895. He was House Physician in the Mater Hospital before going to the Continent for post-graduate studies. He was assistant at the clinic of Fuchs in Vienna, followed by a similar post for Schwabe in Berlin. He remained a close friend of Fuchs all his life.

When he returned to Dublin he was admitted as FRCSI and became both Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeon in the Richmond, a combination of specialties incomprehensible to the modern mind. In 1917 he was appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon in the Mater and from then on devoted himself exclusively to that specialty. His record was outstanding and he contributed to a number of manuals and read papers at international congresses. He became Professor of Ophthalmology at UCD in 1935. The NUI conferred the M.Ch. on him in 1941. He was a member of the Ophthalmology Society of the UK from 1901, and later became President of the Irish Society. When he retired from the university, he continued to work in the Mater until 1951 and in private practice until a few years before his death in 1959 at the age of 85.

In spite of the heavy work-load of surgery and study and writing, Robert found time for an active outdoor life. When he went to Europe for post-graduate work he discovered the joys and thrills of mountaineering and took to it like a chamois to the rocks. He was a member of the Swiss and French Alpine Clubs, probably the only Irishman to have that distinction. He took part in many notable climbs, including the Matterhorn, Jüngfrau and Mont Blanc, when climbing conditions were not as easy as now. He was also interested in the art of photography, then only in its infancy. He continued his mountaineering until well into his fifties, but after World War II he replaced it with walking, particularly in France. At home he walked in the Dublin hills and Wicklow mountains, a passion he shared with his brother, Weston, and it was not unusual for him to take an early walk in the hills, returning on the early workmen's tram, bathe, change and begin work before his colleagues had opened an eye. A few days before his death he took a 4-mile walk along the recently disused Harcourt St railway line to see if it had changed. At his death he had been ill only one day in his entire life.

James B. Magennis

Jim Magennis was one of the most prominent members of the medical profession in his day, with a very distinguished record. Throughout his life he was a St Mary's man, following every activity of past and present with a lively and practical interest. He was the son of Dr Edward Magennis of Harcourt St and came to St Mary's in September 1900 with his elder brother, Edward, having been born on August 25, 1890, just a couple of weeks before the school opened for the first time. He had a brilliant academic record at school: an Exhibition in the Junior Grade in 1905 and again in 1906; a prize in the Middle Grade in 1907 and sixth place in Ireland in the Literary Group; another prize in Senior Grade in 1908 along with a scholarship to university.



Robert Joyce



Jim Magennis



Bernard Doyle

Jim Magennis was one of the first students to enter the newly established UCD and began an equally brilliant university career. He got 1st Class Honours in his MB,BCh and first place in his BSc and MA with 1st Honours, with a post-graduate scholarship to top it off. He was appointed Assistant Physician in St Vincent's Hospital some months later and rose to be Senior Physician.

Neither at school nor university had Jim been a swot. An outstanding gymnast, he was captain of the team that won the Irish Gymnastic Championships three times in succession. It was a sport at which he was supreme, winning fourteen medals at school. The stage held an enormous attraction for him too, and he appeared at school as Portia, Ophelia, Lady Macbeth and Hamlet at different times with great success. At UCD he was a member of every society in the college and a founder-member of the DRAMSOC (Dramatic Society). His career as an amateur actor is recounted elsewhere. He was a brilliant student of French and German, Hon. Sec. of the Legion Française and for three years Vice-President of the Deutsch Verein. In addition he was associated with the founding of the Students' Union and was an office-holder in the distinguished Literary & Historical Society which was the proving-ground for most of the great speakers and politicians of the new Irish State in 1922. During World War I he served with the French Red Cross at the battle of Verdun and was made a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur for his work. His medical consultations took him all over the world, to Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Toulon, Italy and the US. The walls of his consulting rooms in Merrion Square were lined with mementoes of his travels. He indulged in the Sport of Kings and the blue-and-white of St Mary's were his racing colours when he won the Irish Caesarevitch with Galli-Galli in 1934.

Bernard Doyle

Bernard Doyle died in his 91st year in 1975, and may have been the longest-lived of our past students to date. He was born on August 21, 1884, and entered St Mary's in 1896. He got his Preparatory Grade in both 1897 and 1898; his Junior Grade in 1900; Middle Grade at the top of his class in 1901; Senior Grade, with honours in all subjects in 1902. He was an excellent rugby player, serving with distinction both at school and afterwards with Old St Mary's, with whom he won Junior Cup and League medals between 1907 and 1910. He qualified as a doctor in 1912 and went into general practice in the East End of London. He was in the Army Medical Corps during World War I, and in World War II he was Medical Officer for the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy. For his services to the Navy

and to the people of the East End, he was awarded the George Medal. On his retirement, the British Sailors' Society presented to him one of only two medals ever presented by that society. He remained in contact with the school all his life and took pleasure in declaring that he was the oldest surviving past student.

Joseph B. Maguire

Mention of Dr Bernard Doyle brings to mind another past student who chose the sea as the scene for his medical career.

Joseph Ballantyne Maguire was born in Belfast on August 12, 1898, the son of Dr D. J. Maguire, who moved with his family to Dublin and lived in Highfield Rd, Rathgar, which is how Joe came to St Mary's in 1912. He entered for the preparatory Grade in the following year but failed. All present pupils can take heart. He passed the following year and in 1915 did the Middle Grade and the matriculation which gave him entry to Trinity College where he took his medical degree. He served for a time in Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital (now closed), but for reasons of health decided to go to sea. He spent the rest of his life as medical officer aboard ships. He served on the SS Queen Elizabeth from the beginning to the end of her service as a troopship during World War II and then transferred to the Queen Mary on the Atlantic run, for eight years until his retirement in 1953, again because of ill health. In 1957 he published his best-selling account of his life at sea, especially on the two Queens, called *The Sea my Surgery*. He died in 1964.

ARCHITECTURE

Charles Powell

Charles B. Powell was born on November 3, 1881 and came to St Mary's in 1893 at the age of 12. He obtained his Junior Grade in 1896 and is listed as being in the college at least until June 1897. The records after that are a little sketchy for a while. He was a most religious person with a life-long devotion to the Mass which he attended every day of his life, and lived a very ascetic life. But he was by no means ostentatious in his piety. He was a talented musician and took part in all the school concerts and plays. He had a charming manner and in later life enjoyed the reputation of being a first class conversationalist and raconteur. After school he studied architecture and designed many beautiful buildings and was especially in demand for churches in both England and Ireland. Perhaps his best known work in Dublin is the extension to Mount Argus Church and the reconstruction of the Carmelite Church in Whitefriar St. He died in 1960, a distinguished architect and a Christian gentleman.

COMMERCE

J. J. Kerrigan

James Kerrigan was in St Mary's from 1905 to 1908. He was born on January 25, 1884. The only academic distinction he appears to have gained at school was a prize for Religious Knowledge in the Preparatory Grade 1907. He was a classmate of William Fanagan, Henry O'Neill, Henry Becker, Barry Browne, Nick Power and others. Like so many boys in those days he did not finish his secondary course, and he himself stated in an interview for *An Réalt* that classwork was not his forte. On leaving school he emigrated to the United States where like so many of our emigrants, he worked his way to the top by dint of hard work. The top for him was the presidency of one of the biggest pharmaceutical firms in the world, Merck & Co., the developers and manufacturers of the wonder drug, cortisone.

In the Summer of 1951 he was in Ireland to receive an Honorary LL.D. from the National



Joseph Maguire



J. J. Kerrigan



Gerald Kilduff

University in recognition of the supplies of cortisone his company had donated to the university for research purposes. He took the opportunity of visiting his alma mater to recall his days at school there. On his return to the US, he wrote an article for *An Réalt*, the short-lived college magazine of the '40s and '50s, which appeared in the Christmas 1951 issue.

William J. Fanagan

William J. Fanagan, founder of the Fanagan dynasty that has given four generations of Fanagans to St Mary's, so far, was born on September 15, 1895 and came to the college in 1904. He did his Presparatory Exam in 1907, along with J. J. Kerrigan, and left after a few years to finish in Clongowes. But his attachment to St Mary's was so great that not only did he retain an interest in everything to do with the college, past and present, but became President of the PPU. He was an active member of the Old St Mary's Rugby Club, playing like his son, Joe after him, at scrum-half. Founder of the funeral director's firm which bears his name, he built it into the largest in Ireland, a position it still holds. Another son, John, also became President of the Past Pupils Union.

Edward Tew

Eddie Tew was born in 1894 on September 21 and came to St Mary's in December 1903 as a very small boy. He got his Junior Grade in 1908, Middle Grade in 1909, and finished up in 1910. He went to study engineering, but at the outbreak of war in 1914 he joined up and fought as a 2nd Lieutenant in France. When the war ended he returned to Ireland and continued his engineering career, establishing his own precision engineering firm in Harold's Cross. He was a staunch member of the Past Pupils Union. Golf was his game and he became captain of the Castle GC. He was secretary of the Club when he died in 1964.

The Kilduffs

The Kilduff brothers were but one of many sets of brothers who attended St Mary's in those pre-closure days – the Dallaghans, Clarkes, Culhanes, Purcells, the Cussens, Cunninghams, Donovans, Kiernans, Neckers, Roddys, Smiths, Spadaccinis, Blundens, Tierneys, Bolands are just some of the many.

Gerald Kilduff was in St Mary's from 1909 and had reached Middle Grade before the college closed in 1916. In 1919, at the age of twenty, he emigrated to South America and did very well for himself, rising to be managing director of a large export firm in Rosario,

Argentina, in 1937. In 1948 he paid his first visit home in twenty years and seven years later retired to Ireland. He died in 1959.

Eddie was two years older than Gerry, having been born in 1898. He got his Preparatory Grade exam with honours in 1911. He was a keen sportsman and while his first love was golf, he excelled at all games. He was full-back on the JCT in 1912 and the SCT in 1914. After school he gained many honours at golf. He joined Milltown GC in 1914 on leaving school and was a scratch player in 1926; captain in 1927; winner of the Lumsden Cup in 1927 and 1935; an International in 1928. Of course, this was all a side-line for him. His real occupation was the Stock Exchange of which he was member for 35 years. He died in 1965.

The Faulkners

The Faulkners, Alfred, Charles and Joseph were another family at St Mary's at the turn of the century. Alfred was born in 1886 and came in 1899. He played on all the school rugby teams and kept up his interest after school by joining Old St Mary's, with whom he won a Junior League medal in 1907. He remained a keen sportsman all his life, with interests in golf, yachting and tennis. The family business was paper-making, and he became managing director of P. Faulkners & Sons, Ltd, founded in 1860 by his grandfather, the oldest paper firm in Ireland. He was a past chairman of the Irish Paper Trade Association, and a committee member for twenty-five years. He was President of the St Mary's Past Pupils Union, and until his death in 1964 was keenly interested in all the union's affairs and attended every function.

BANKING

Merely to list all the past pupils who entered on a career in the banking business would fill pages. We pick a few at random.

P. J. O'Grady

P. J. O'Grady was born in Dublin in 1891 and came to St Mary's early in the new century. He played on the SCT in 1911 and 1912, and when he left he joined the Old St Mary's Club. He was also a keen cricketer. He joined the Bank of Ireland and had the usual succession of posts in different parts of the country, ending up as Manager of the St Patrick's Bridge Branch in Cork city, from which he retired in 1952 because of ill health.



Alfred Faulkner



William Fanagan



Robert J. Kinahan

He was keenly interested in the Irish Bank Officials Association from its earliest years. He was the bank's representative on the Executive Committee, and was Hon. Sec. of the Association for many years. After his retirement he took on the onerous duty of secretary of the Distressed Pensioners, whose welfare he always had at heart. When posted away from Dublin he was unable to attend many of the college and club matches, but cherished the annual trips to Lansdowne Road for the Internationals. When he retired he was able to give free rein to this interest and could be found on the touchline at games in every grade, past and present, a constructive critic, whose assessments could always be trusted. He died in 1965.

The Blundens

The Blundens spanned the closure of the College. The earlier generation of William, Maurice and Jack was followed after the re-opening in 1926 by Niall, William's son. William attended from 1904 to 1908 and was an outstanding student and sportsman. He was an Exhibitioner in Mathematics twice, once gaining 1st Place in Ireland, a tribute to his teacher for a time, Eamon de Valera. He graduated from UCD in 1912 and entered the Civil Service, rising to Principal Officer in the Department of Defence. He was on the SCT in 1908 and later played for the Club. He was on the 1911-12 Old St Mary's team that went senior that year. A keen golfer, he was captain of the Castle GC, and also President of the PPU.

Maurice Blunden came to St Mary's in 1911 and distinguished himself in the classroom and on the playing fields at both rugby and tennis. Although too young for any of the school representative teams before the school closed in 1916, he showed his prowess when he went to Blackrock College and played on the JCT in 1917. He left school in 1920 and joined the Hibernian Bank in College Green, rising through the ranks until becoming chief cashier ten years before his death in 1962. He played rugby for Palmerston RFC in the absence of the St Mary's Club which was not revived until 1932, and then played some time with Blackrock RFC until injury forced his retirement from active playing. He then turned to tennis in earnest, having played only desultorily until then. A member of Templeogue LTC, he played on their 1st team for a number of years and was an active member of the club committee.

LAW

Robert J. Kinahan

Bob Kinahan was an all-rounder, a born leader, intelligent, skilled rugby and cricket player, orator, raconteur and wit. At school he was captain of the cricket XI, figured prominently at rugby and gymnastics and cycling and dramatics. Born on March 24, 1881, he came to St Mary's in September 1892 and passed the Preparatory Grade in 1893. He did Junior Grade in 1895 and 1896, passing each time. Along with Jim Brennan he passed Middle Grade in 1897 and they were the only two who did Senior Grade in 1898, when Robert won a Medal and an Exhibition. After school, Jim Brennan went into the Civil Service as we have seen, but Bob went on to university, attending University College, St Stephen's Green, where he had a distinguished academic career. He afterwards dismissed his university career briefly: "I read my course, I played my games".

Then as now, the most prestigious society in the university was the L & H (Literary & Historical Society), the proving ground for generations of undergraduates intending to pursue careers in law or politics. In the academic year of 1901-02, Robert allowed himself to be persuaded by his friends to go up against William Dawson for the office of Auditor of the society. He won by a sizeable majority in a major upset. He chose socialism as the subject of his inaugural address, during which the chairman, the Honourable Tim Harrington, Lord Mayor of Dublin, caused a near riot by a too rigid insistence on

ORDER. A contemporary, Eugene Sheehy, stated that "Kinahan was a clever and witty debater . . . loved to use high-sounding and unusual words. In his address on socialism he introduced the word proletariat and I and many other students had to consult our dictionaries to find out what he meant". (*Centenary History: L & H*). He won the Gold Medal for Oratory that year. The calibre of the opposition he encountered in that election is seen in the committee elected to serve with him: Hugh Kennedy (later S.C. and first Attorney-General of the Free State); Arthur Clery (Professor); J. Murnaghan (High Court Justice); John Marcus O'Sullivan (Professor, Minister for Education).

Robert was called to the Bar in 1906 and was attached to the Leinster Circuit, taking silk in 1917. A contemporary, Thomas Bacon, said of him: "Before his untimely death in 1921, Bobby Kinahan had become one of the most colourful and popular members of the Leinster Circuit". A unique performance was his appearance on the same day before the County Court Judges of Wexford, Waterford and Tipperary in their respective bailiwicks. He was a very successful defence Counsel.

After school Bob continued to excel at games, playing for the Old St Mary's Club and winning a medal in that first Junior Cup win in 1905. He was even more outstanding as a cricketer, graduating from junior cricket with St Mary's to senior cricket with Leinster CC.

John A. Ronayne

Another St Mary's man, John Ronayne, was Auditor of the L & H in 1911-12. Born in 1887, he came to St Mary's in 1900. On leaving school he joined Old St Mary's and played for a number of seasons and was on the 1st XV when the club went senior in 1911-12. John was described as 'a highly skilful demagogue'. He seceded from the L & H in the row in 1906 when the president of the college sought to curb the policies of the society. Incidentally, it was a row in which John was opposed by Rory O'Connor, the arch-republican, who sided with the president. John returned to the society in 1907, but in 1908 the College Council declared that he was still 'disqualified'. But in 1910 he was received back, Dr Coffey, the president, stating that he had no objection. The other candidate for the Auditorship in 1911-12 was Patrick Gilligan, who was to go on to a brilliant political career in the Cosgrave Government as Minister for Finance. As his inaugural address John chose "Dawn on the Hills of Ireland". The theme was Home Rule. John's secretary in the society was John A. Costello, the future Irish Taoiseach. Arthur Cox, the brilliant barrister, said that John was ". . . a personality. He was an excellent speaker and debater, he gave great promise of a high career at the Bar but his forte was in the politics of the Society. He had a genius for party management". (*Centenary History: L & H*).

John Ronayne was one of the speakers at the monster Home Rule rally in O'Connell St in 1912 and one of the most dramatic moments came when he denounced the Union Jack flag which had been hoisted over the offices of a newspaper in Carlisle Building. He was called to the Bar in 1909 and practised on the Munster circuit. It was the general consensus that but for his untimely death in the great 'flu epidemic of 1918 he would have had a great career at the Bar or in politics.

John Farrell

John Farrell was born on the 12th of July, 1900 and came to St Mary's in 1913, did his Preparatory Grade in 1914 and the Junior Grade in 1915 and 1916, obtaining honours the second time round. When the college closed in 1916 his parents sent him to Belvedere where he finished his schooling in company with Kevin Barry and a score or more of ex-St Mary's boys. He went to UCD in 1918 and was elected Auditor of the L & H in 1919-20. Once again, the calibre of the man is shown in the Committee elected to serve with him, including Sean MacBride and James Dillon, both Ministers in the Inter-Party

Government of John A. Costello. The *Centenary History of the L & H* states: "Having regard for the difficulties of his period in office, considerable credit is due to Farrell and the members of the Society that it was kept going as a live body with something of a parliamentary tradition in its procedure". He studied law and was called to the Bar in 1921. He was appointed a District Justice in 1943.

CIVIL SERVICE

Patrick J. Laracy

A civil servant may well have been the tallest boy St Mary's ever had. Pat Laracy stood 6ft 7in tall. He was born on April 2, 1882 and came to St Mary's in 1896, where he gained Exhibitions in Junior Grade in 1898 and his Senior Grade the following year. He entered the civil service in 1901. In the First World War he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Royal Irish Regiment and wounded on active duty on the Somme, losing a leg. On his discharge he was awarded the MBE (Military Division) and returned to the civil service where he rose to assistant chief accountant at the Post Office. His height alone made him a noted figure, but he was a chess player of distinction, being Leinster champion in 1927 and reaching the final of the national championships many times. He died in 1960.

Gerald Condell

All the time he was in St Mary's (1898-1905) Gerry Condell led his class in most subjects, obtaining his Preparatory Grade in 1902, Junior in 1903, Middle in 1904. In his final year, in which he did his Senior Grade, he won the College Good Conduct Gold Medal as well as the Gold Medal for Oratory and a medal for Christian Doctrine. On leaving school he entered the civil service in the revenue commissioner's department, rising to higher executive officer in Dublin Castle. He was a keen past student, interested in every aspect of college life. Every year he donated a silver cup, a replica of the O'Hart Perpetual Challenge Cup, for High Jump Championships at the College Sports. He was a past President of the College Union. He died in 1961.

Francis Brickell, MBE

When we read of St Mary's men leaving school and entering the civil service, we are inclined to forget that in the pre-1916 days that meant the British civil service. Seamus Brennan in 1899 and Tom Kiernan in 1919 entered the very same service as Frank Brickell, but they ended up in the civil service of the Irish Free State, Frank ended up in the diplomatic service of Gt. Britain. His career is summed up as follows in *Who's Who*:

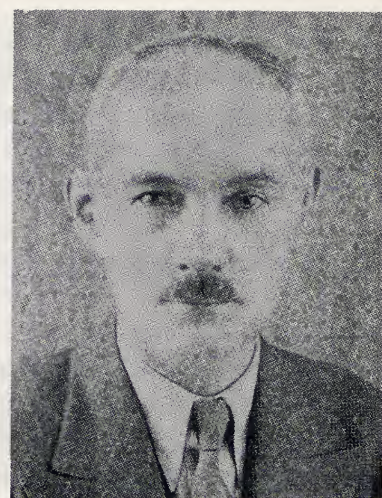
Brickell, Daniel Francis Horseman, O.B.E. (MBE 1929)
b. 4 Sept. 1893. m. 1924 Mary Elizabeth Sherlock.
educ. St. Mary's College, Rathmines. Passed C. S. Exam
and appointed Estate Duty Office 1913, Foreign Office
1914. 2nd. Lt. RFC 1917. Vice-consul Levant Consular
Service 1923; served at Istanbul, Smyrna, Cairo, Suez,
Athens, New York; Consul at Basra, 1936; Rouen 1940
Minister to Paraguay 1940-43; 1st. Sec. and Consul, Montevideo 1944;
Consul-General Detroit, USA 1945-49;
Minister at San Salvador, 1949-50; Consul-General at
Ahwaz, 1950; Philadelphia 1951-53. Retired 1953.
Grand Officer Paraguayan Order of Merit.
Recreation, golf.



Patrick J. Laracy



Gerald Condell



Francis Brickell

To this we would have to add that he was in St Mary's from 1900 till 1909, where he distinguished himself both on the football field, as centre on the SCT, and the classroom, as medallist in the Literary Course, Junior Grade, and Special Prize for English Composition, 1908. In the College Annual of 1961 he wrote an article on his Forty Years in the Foreign Service.

SPORT

Dr Paddy Roddy

The first St Mary's man to don the green jersey of Ireland in an international rugby match was Dr Paddy Roddy. He was born on April 28, 1897, and came to St Mary's in 1910 at the age of 13, following in the footsteps of his brother, Michael. He passed his Junior Grade in 1912 and did the Middle Grade the following year. On leaving school he went to College of Surgeons and qualified as a doctor in 1920. He then spent four years in Manchester and Bristol before returning to Ireland to take up the position of House Surgeon in Mercer's and the Royal Eye and Ear, specialising as an Oto-rhino-laryncologist after studies in Vienna, London and Berlin. He became consultant at the Royal Eye and Ear as well as St. Michael's, Dun Laoghaire.

Paddy was a noted athlete in his younger days. He captained the school at rugby and cricket, and was awarded two Interprovincial caps at full-back in his last year, against Ulster and Munster. After leaving school he played for Bective Rangers and was capped as centre twice in 1920, against Scotland and France. Injury kept him out of the team that played Wales. His opportunity came when the Irish centre, Cullen, had to cry off because of injury and Paddy needed no second urging. The papers stated: "Roddy made a successful début in International football and throughout played with much cleverness. He kicked well and made many good runs". "A clever intercept by Roddy saw the Bective centre pass to Wallis who had a good run before being brought down". The Scottish forwards dominated up front and Scotland won 19-0.

Dr Roddy's medical career took precedence over his sporting activity for some years, but later he took an interest in squash and was runner-up to Arthur Hamilton in the Irish

Championships. He was a keen member of Fitzwilliam Tennis Club and of Portmarnock and Elm Park golf clubs. He died in 1967.

Joseph Aloysius Baptist Clarke

Joe Clarke was born to a well-known business family, owners of the Eagle House, in Dundrum, county Dublin, on August 19, 1896. He came to St Mary's in September 1909 and excelled at games, naturally, but did not neglect his studies. He did Junior Grade (the equivalent of Inter Cert) in 1912 and 1913. In those days boys often did the Matriculation after the Inter and left school to go on to Third Level. Joe left St Mary's in 1914 and went to the College of Surgeons where he qualified as a dentist, a profession he practised in Dundrum for the rest of his life. He never married.

As was customary even in those days just as today, Joe played for his university after leaving school, but after he qualified, like many other St Mary's men in the years after the closure of the Old St Mary's RFC in 1916, he gravitated to Bective Rangers, a club which, since the days of Fr J. J. O'Reilly, CSSp, who had played for them in the 1890s when he was a prefect in St Mary's, had close ties with the college. There he struck up a mid-field partnership with former schoolmates, Paddy Roddy as out-half and Charlie Culhane as centre, at both club and Interprovincial level.

Joe came into prominence in the final Irish Trial in January 1922 in which he played for the Possibles, but was not picked for the game against England, in which Ireland were beaten 12-3. However, Joe got his chance when Cunningham cried off before the Scottish match. Joe needed no second invitation when his chance came. He took it as a good scrum-half should, with both hands. The *Freeman's Journal* said:

Clarke's bull-dog defence marked him early as an outstanding player . . .
Clarke's début was a most pronounced success and his play was the feature of the Irish side.

Clarke's try was the only Irish score and Scotland won 6-3. But Joe had done enough to retain his place on the team to play Wales. Ireland beat France at home to round off the season and Joe did enough to ensure consideration for the following season. However, it was not enough to satisfy the selectors who reverted to their earlier preference for Cunningham in the first three matches. But Joe was picked for the match against France. After the match the papers said:



Paddy Roddy



Joseph B. Clarke

Clarke was quite a success at the base of the scrum and filled that position in a more creditable manner than any of his predecessors this season.

Joe continued to play well during the 1923-24 season for his club and his province. He played what the papers called "a plucky game" in the game against Ulster, after which the teams for the final Irish Trial were picked and Joe was chosen for the scrum-half position on the Probables, but did not make the Ireland team. Scotland won that first match, 13-8, and when the team to play England was published Joe was back in favour and did well. Although England won 14-3,

Clarke at scrumhalf was the success of the back division. Very smart round the scrum, the Bective man went down to every rush and frequently took part in rushes with the forwards. He, as usual, tackled in great fashion and all round played his best international.

Clarke held onto his place for the Scottish match after this sterling display. It was a good display by Ireland although they lost 13-8. Inability to turn superiority into points was the problem. It was no great surprise when the selectors dropped Clarke after this game, but Providence was on his side and in the absence of McDowell through injury, he was chosen for the game with Wales. In the view of Edmund van Esbeck (*The Story of Irish Rugby*), this was really the turning point in Irish Rugby. It was a great day for the Irish. For the first time in twenty-five years they were victorious on Welsh soil, winning 13-10.

It was the back division that won the day. They were cleverer and faster and let no scoring opportunity pass.

Freeman's Journal

The back division that day comprised Ernie Crawford, Tom Hewitt, George Stephenson, J. B. Gardiner, Harry Stephenson, Frank Hewitt and Joe Clarke. Within 15 mins Tom Hewitt celebrated his arrival by scoring a great try which Crawford converted. Even better was to follow:

... a long pass from Clarke inside his own 25 put Harry Stephenson through and the wing-threequarter raced to the Welsh 25 where he passed to Tom Hewitt who returned the pass immediately and Stephenson raced behind the posts.

Freeman's Journal

8-3 at the interval seemed to augur an easy victory for Ireland especially with Frank Hewitt playing so well and Ireland applied the pressure from the resumption. However, their efforts were not rewarded and Wales replied with a drop-goal (4 pts). The Welsh crowd were in full cry for victory but there was surprise in store for them, in the words of van Esbeck: "About 20 minutes before the final whistle, Frank Hewitt received a perfect pass from his scrum-half Joe Clarke and proceeded to make a magnificent run. He beat Griffiths, one of the Welsh half-backs, sold two glorious dummies before crossing for a gem of a try beside the posts ... a milestone in the history of Irish rugby, for it marked the turning point in Ireland's international fortunes".

Clarke worked the scrums splendidly and was better than in any other match this season.

Freeman's Journal

It was a glorious way for Joe Clarke to end his international career. It was no dishonour for Joe to be succeeded by one of the greatest of Irish scrum-halves, Mark Sugden, who went on to win 28 caps, to be the most capped scrumhalf ever for Ireland.

AVIATION

Reference has already been made to the two Russell brothers who became priests, Francis and Edwin. Two more were closely connected with the founding and early years of aviation in Ireland. Charles joined the Royal Flying Corps on leaving school and saw service in France during the Great War. After the war he went to Canada and was in Canada when he was contacted by a fellow-St Mary's man, Sean Dowling, a member of the IRA Executive, to carry out a mission. This was to go to Britain, posing as a Canadian interested in buying an airplane on behalf of the Canadian Forestry. Charles at once answered the call and, with Jack McSweeney, another ex-RFC pilot, proceeded to England where they bought a ten-seater Martinsyde Type A Mark 2 in November 1921. This was flight-tested and brought to Croydon aerodrome and kept in readiness in case the Treaty failed and it became necessary to make a hasty departure for Ireland or France – there was a £10,000 reward out for Michael Collins at the time. When the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed in December 1921, the plane was crated and shipped back to Ireland to become the first plane of the Irish Air Force. Later in December 1921, the new Government decided to set up an Irish Aviation Department, based in Beggars' Bush Barracks, Haddington Road. This led to the formation in April 1922 of the Irish Free State Air Corps, based in Baldonnel with McSweeney as O/C and Charles Russell second-in-command. Overnight the two civilians became Major-Generals! At the same time, Charles was appointed Director of Civil Aviation. During the Civil War which followed the signing of the Treaty, Charles was put in charge of a special Corps called Railway Protection, Repair and Maintenance. He had a couple of armoured trains constructed in the Inchicore railyards, and with these it was possible for the repair crews to travel about the country to repair tracks and bridges blown up by the Anti-Treaty forces. In 1924 occurred the Curragh Mutiny, when many senior officers withdrew their services in protest against alleged failure of the government to implement certain promises made at the end of the Civil War. Lt.-Gen. McSweeney was one of them and he resigned from the Air Corps. Charlie Russell succeeded him as O/C. In 1926 the idea of making the first East/West crossing of the Atlantic was mooted. Ever since Alcock and Brown had made the first West/East crossing in 1919, landing in Clifden, county Galway, every flier wanted to do the opposite trip. The Irish Government sponsored the attempt and Commandant Fitzmaurice was chosen as navigator. The pilots were to be the experienced German pilots, Kohl and von Huenefeld. Russell was to be the reserve pilot for the enterprise. In 1927 Charles, disillusioned by the lack of development of the Air Corps, applied to be seconded to the Department of Civil Aviation but the application was refused.

Charlie's younger brother, Arthur, followed him into the Irish Air Corps, but did not match his elder brother's skill or good fortune in obtaining instant promotion. In fact, Arthur's career as a flier was marked with a series of unfortunate accidents, culminating in his death in an air crash in 1934. Previously to this fatal crash, Arthur had managed to damage four airplanes in crashes, two in 1925 and two in 1927. In the official enquiries that followed these accidents, it was stated that in all but one of these incidents, Lt Russell was the victim of bad luck rather than recklessness or lack of ability. In the final and fatal incident, Arthur had gone up on a routine flight from Baldonnel in a Fairey 111 biplane with two volunteer passengers, Pte. Denis Twomey and Sgt. Leo Corcoran as ballast. When the plane was flying over Rathgar it began to lose height and the engine to misfire. It crashed into a tree in the front garden of No. 31, Terenure Road. E. Arthur and Denis Twomey were killed, Leo Corcoran was injured but survived. Fr Cyril Byrne was travelling home from Presentation School, Terenure, on the top of an open No.15 tram at the very moment the plane crashed not 100 yards in front of them, little knowing that the pilot was a past student of the school Fr Cyril was soon to enter. When the Irish Aero



Charles Russell



Lorcan S. Gogan

Club, founded in 1917, revived after the war in 1928, Air Corps personnel were involved as instructors and Arthur supervised the training of famous author and surgeon, Oliver St John Gogarty, who penned the following lines after Arthur's death:

He had the kind and langorous air
Of gentle knights detached from fear;
And he was quiet in his ways,
He who could set the heavens ablaze
And overtake the setting sun
With speed and soar into his throne.
If modesty clothes bravery,
If gentleness activity;
If earth has ever been the pen
Of heaven-aspiring denizen,
Then Arthur comes into his own,
From lowly things released and flown,
And stands for that haut chivalry
Which scorns the world and scales the sky;
So death, which no brave spirit harms,
Let him pass out retaining arms.

A third St Mary's man, related to the Russells by marriage, Lorcan S. Gogan, joined the newly formed Irish Air Force when it was inaugurated in 1922 and spent seven years in the Force before returning to civilian life. A member of the extended Gogan family which we have already met, Lorcan was an active member of the past pupils union all his life and a generous supporter of the college and Union. He was President of the PPU in the '60s and his name is perpetuated in the annual Lorcan S. Gogan Debate between the union and the college.

Chapter Nine

Closure: 1916-1926

THE PROBLEM of supplying personnel for all the colleges the Holy Ghost Fathers were running in Ireland – three lay secondary schools in Blackrock, Rockwell and St. Mary's, and two religious juniorates in Blackrock and Rockwell – was a continuing one because of the demands of the Missions which were the Congregation's primary work. The phenomenal success of the missionary work in Southern Nigeria under Bishop Joseph Shanahan, as well as the successes in Kenya and Sierra Leone, all of which had been confided to the Irish Province of the Congregation, was making great demands on the existing personnel, and as we have already seen, there were many who felt that three secondary schools were far too much for the Congregation to be staffing, especially when one of them had produced only two Holy Ghost vocations in twenty-five years. The primary reason for coming to Ireland in the first place had been the search for vocations. Any means which failed in that purpose was expendable. It might have been argued, and probably was, that simply being there may well have been a stimulant to vocations in young people who did not attend the school, but such an unquantifiable factor hardly carried much weight in face of the insistent demands for men from the banks of the lordly Niger. What brought the matter to a head was the Great War which isolated Ireland from the continent of Europe and cut the Irish Province off from regular contact with France. It also cut Ireland off from the houses of study to which the Irish students had gone for their philosophical and theological studies. It became necessary to find a house in Ireland where some of these students could pursue those studies without fear of being conscripted into the army, as all seminarians were in France and Germany. The Theology students were housed in Kimmage Manor (bought in 1911), together with the Novices. A house was then needed for the Philosophy students, and in particular, those attending university. St. Mary's was the logical answer: it needed little alteration to adapt it; it was within easy walking distance of Earlsfort Terrace, the site of UCD; it would release staff needed elsewhere; and finally it would rid the Province, and the Congregation, of a mounting debt which had hung like an albatross round its neck almost from day one. No. 28 of the General Bulletin published in Paris in 1917 puts the reasons for the closure more succinctly and more diplomatically:

For some years now the suppression of the Rathmines College seemed to be forced upon us as it did not realise the purpose for which it was founded . . . It was difficult to maintain, and absorbed personnel needed elsewhere. Its closure . . . was announced on July 24, 1916, by Very Rev. C. O'Shea, Provincial Superior of Ireland.

The following year came the announcement:

The Mother House, at the request of the Provincial Council of Ireland, has authorised the siting of the Scholasticate of Philosophy in St. Mary's

College, Rathmines. This will comprise for the present 20 philosophers, who are following courses at the university.

The reaction of the parents of boys who now found that they had to find another school for their children, has not been adequately recorded, nor the reaction of the local populace or the local clergy. We do have an inkling in the statement in the Bulletin in 1920, "From all sides there were objections at first: how could a district where Catholics did not have a secondary school and where Protestants retained some, be abandoned? But after some weeks they were convinced that it was impossible to continue the project, and contented themselves with the desire that the Holy Ghost Fathers would not abandon the house."

At the same time, it cannot have come as any great surprise to anyone when the closure did come. For years the possibility had been in the air. From 1906 the correspondence between Paris and Rathmines is peppered with queries about that possibility – Could it not be abandoned? Do you still intend to keep it open? (1906); Could it not be turned into a hostel for the university? (1911); Could the scholastics not be housed there? (1912); The debt mounts, it cannot go on (1913); Would the Christian Brothers not be interested? (1914); What about the Jesuits? (1915); A decision will be given before the end of the academic year, meanwhile try to recover all debts (1916). Even though the general public, and the parents, were not privy to this correspondence, the general tone of the attitude of the authorities in Paris must have leaked to the local clergy and at least some of the parents and past students over the years.

During the year between the closure of the school and its designation as a House of Studies, efforts were made to sell the property, but no one seemed interested. For a while the Irish Bishops considered it for use as a university hostel, but the price proposed by them did not cover one third of the debt contracted in buying the property and extending it. Meanwhile, Kimmage had become unbearably congested with novices, theologians and philosophers all crowded together – about fifty together with their respective staffs.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The departure of the philosophers to Rathmines gave the necessary relief. However, the faculty of philosophy was just one of three categories who now inhabited St. Mary's. Since the foundation of Blackrock College in 1860, the Provincial Administration of the Congregation in Ireland had its headquarters there. It was decided now to move it



John T. Murphy, CSSp.



John Charles McQuaid, CSSp.



Cornelius O'Shea, CSSp.

completely to Rathmines. In July 1917, immediately after the decision of the General Council, the Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Fr Cornelius O'Shea, together with the Second Assistant, Fr Laurence Healy, and the Provincial Bursar, Fr John Stafford, came to St Mary's, which then became the official headquarters of the Holy Ghost Congregation in Ireland.

HOUSE OF PHILOSOPHY

As soon as the necessary adaptations could be made, and they involved the turning of classrooms into dormitories, dining hall and study hall, about 20 philosophy students who were attending the university, and up to to this had had to cycle the 4 km. from Kimmage every day, were installed as the second student body to occupy St. Mary's. They were accompanied by a Director, Fr Edward Leen, and an Assistant, Fr Patrick Heerey, whose brother Charles would later succeed Bishop Shanahan as Bishop of Southern Nigeria. The university courses were supplemented by classes given by Fr Leen and Fr Heery; and it is to their work principally, as the Bulletin says, that the scholastics' success in the university examinations should be attributed.

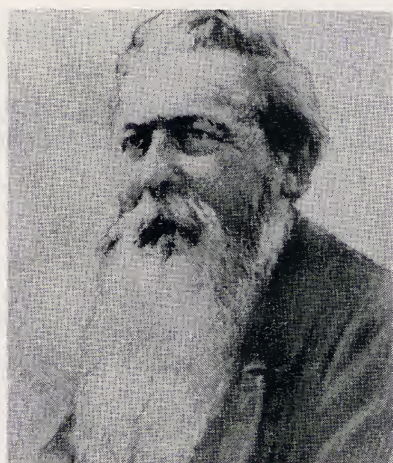
Fr Leen, already a B.A.Hons. from UCD, and a Doctor of Theology from Rome, presented himself for an M.A. Hons., possibly the most difficult examination in the university, and passed brilliantly, his thesis provoking the admiration of the examiners themselves. Two scholastics, Daniel Murphy and John Charles McQuaid, also took the M.A. with Honours, and in general one can say that our scholastics have gained more success than the students of any other seminary or college in the city.

Ill health forced Fr Leen to stop all work in 1919, and doctor's orders found him for a time breathing his native Abbeyfeale air, followed by a sojourn in Rockwell which completely rehabilitated him. A cherished dream was then fulfilled when he was appointed to Southern Nigeria, on loan for two years, where he threw himself into the work of the Missions with characteristic zeal. On his return to Ireland he went to Blackrock as Dean of Studies, and became a major figure in the Irish education scene. His subsequent career as a spiritual writer, lecturer and spiritual director, needs no elaboration here. He was a giant in the field for more than twenty-five years, until his death in 1946. He was succeeded as director of philosophers by Fr Heery, with Fr Denis Fahey as assistant.

The two M.A. students just mentioned were, of course, the future Archbishop of Dublin, Dr John Charles McQuaid, and the future Provincial Superior, Dr Dan Murphy, whose fourteen years of enlightened guidance built up the Irish Province, both numerically and academically. Fr Denis Fahey had taught in Kimmage when the House of Theology began there just before the war, and when the House of Philosophy moved from St Mary's in 1926 to the Castle in Blackrock and later in 1938 to the newly extended Kimmage Manor, Fr Fahey went with it and spent his entire life teaching philosophy and writing well known books on social questions.

PROPAGANDA

The third category occupying St Mary's was the team engaged in propaganda in aid of the missions. This project was begun by Fr Ebenrecht of Blackrock – we have encountered him as one of the signatories of the mortgage taken out on Castle Dawson in order to obtain the loan with which Larkhill was purchased – who was one of the pioneers in the development of Blackrock, and, indeed, of the Irish Province. In 1898 Archbishop Le Roy, the Superior



*Archbishop Le Roy
Superior General*



Edward Leen, CSSp



Thomas Pembroke, CSSp

General, visited all the houses in Ireland and as a result of what he saw, he decided that a special Work should be established with the specific purpose of making the people of Ireland aware of the foreign missions and their need of prayers, funds and personnel. A house adjoining Blackrock, Clareville, was bought, and a community, completely separate from the educational work, was established with Fr Ebenrecht as Superior, with Frs Con O'Shea and Hyland, and one scholastic/prefect, Mr Thomas Carey. Fr Hyland became the first Director in Ireland of the Holy Childhood, a post held by a Holy Ghost Father down through the years, and held today by Fr Seamus Galvin. The Provincial Administration also moved to Clareville from Blackrock College. The work of the Propaganda Team, sometimes known as the Mission Band, consisted in giving missions, lectures, lantern slides in parishes the length and breadth of the country, bringing home to the people the work being done on the mission fields by Irish priests, brothers and sisters, and how they could contribute to that work by their prayers, donations and the fostering of vocations. The people of God in Ireland owe an incalculable debt to the heroic and unsung work of these tireless, selfless men, who for months on end travelled the highways and byways, summer and winter, standing in draughty parochial halls, sleeping in often unaired spare rooms in parochial houses, in order to bring an awareness of the Church's work beyond our shores that produced a crop of missionaries paralleled only by the Irish church of the seventh and eighth centuries. And it is a work that has continued down to our own day, and is still continued by that same breed of dedicated men.

When the Provincial Administration moved from Clareville in 1917, the Mission Band moved with them to St Mary's. At this time, Fr Thomas Pembroke, whom we have already met as Dean of Discipline in St. Mary's in the 1890s and as responsible for the change in the front avenue which allowed for the levelling of the front field, and also for the funding of that project by the "Bazaar" in 1898, was in charge of the African Missions project. Every week he used advertisements in magazines to request items that could be of use to missionaries: church furnishing, chalices, monstrances etc. In the last year of his life, he realised more than 25,000 Frs in silver, just by his own work. He died on board ship, travelling to England, in 1919 at the early age of 54. But before his death he had conceived an idea which was to bear fruit for long after his departure. Thinking of what the Columban Fathers had accomplished with their *Far East* magazine, he dreamed of publishing, twice a year, perhaps, a magazine in the form of a review of our Missions in Africa, which would give news of our Irish missionaries and details of their work. He only just survived to see the first number of the Holy Ghost Fathers' *Missionary Annals*, which was to become, and still remains, the organ round which all propaganda and fund-raising is centred, and is today edited by a past student of St Mary's, Fr Brian Gogan.

Fr Michael Meagher, former missionary in Sierra Leone, was called from Rockwell to take Fr Pembroke's place, in spite of his uncertain health. The editing and the administration of *The Missionary Annals* often exceeded the powers of one man, because from December 1919, the magazine was published every month instead of just twice a year as originally intended, with a printing of 6,000 a month. Fr James Dowling, also a former missionary in Sierra Leone, and a former prefect in St Mary's, was appointed as an assistant. We shall find him later on the staff when St Mary's re-opened as a secondary school. Among the results obtained by this fund-raising and awareness-raising, we might mention bursaries to the value of £600 each for the upkeep of aspiring missionaries, and sums of money, small and great, from all corners of the country, from schoolchildren, priests and people, intended for the African Missions. Besides the work on the magazine, the lectures, lantern slides, recruiting drives were continued with the aid of the staff members of the scholasticates whenever they could make themselves available.

EASTER WEEK 1916

By far the most important event to occur during the ten years of the closure of St Mary's was the 1916 Rising at Easter Week. The following contains the report sent by the Irish Provincial, Fr John T. Murphy, to the Mother House:

THE REVOLT OF THE SINN FÉINERS IN DUBLIN

The news, so unexpected, of the recent attempted insurrection in Ireland has alarmed some of our confreres. We ourselves, in Paris, have remained fifteen days without receiving a letter from Ireland. Finally, on that date, May 16, Very Rev, Fr. J. T. Murphy, Provincial, was able to write: "We have not suffered in the famous insurrection in Dublin, apart from a certain inconvenience in our house, where the military were installed for two days. Occasionally we were threatened with a shortage of provisions, and we have had to bake our own bread at home. As regards the insurrection itself, the physical results are unhappy, the destruction of Dublin is great! But it is thought, nevertheless, that out of this misfortune some good will emerge.

We have dealt in some detail with the issue of Nationalism and its consequences for many of the past students of the college in Chapter Eight.



FIRE!

Another outstanding event in the life of the community at this time, and, indeed, in the life of the parish, was the disastrous fire which gutted the magnificent church conceived and built by Dean William Meagher in 1850. We quote the *Irish Times* of January 27, 1920:

RATHMINES R.C. CHURCH BURNS DOWN

Fine Building Destroyed

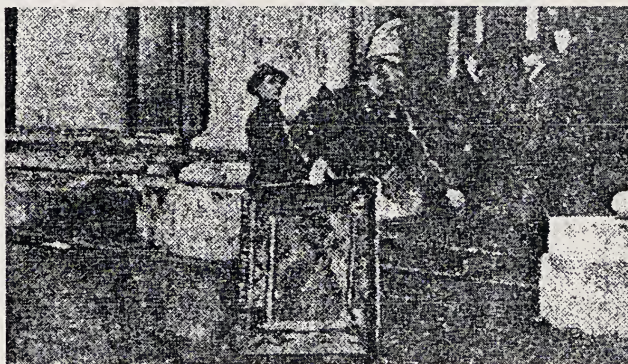
Yesterday morning, the Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of Refuge, was destroyed by fire. Shortly after 6 o'clock, the Sacristan of the church opened the vestry, when he found that the switchboard which controls the electric light was on fire. When the fire had been extinguished in the place where it



Rathmines Parish Church

was first discovered, it was found that the electric wire in the interior of the edifice had become ignited, and presumably, the wooden panels with which they were in contact, burned quickly, the flames spreading rapidly to all parts of the building, and mounting up the walls to the spacious dome.

The efforts of the firemen to cope with the outbreak were carried on with considerable risk, as the falling debris from the roof, which was alight, made it



Fire Brigade and parishioners help to salvage pictures and statues after the fire, January 26, 1920

impossible to remain near the flames which overspread the sanctuary and the space in front of the altar.

The Dublin Fire Brigade, which had been sent for, worked in unison with the Rathmines Fire Brigade, and placed two engines on either side of the Grand Canal at Portobello Bridge, and soon had a copious supply of water sent in through the rear of the Church by way of Lower Mount Pleasant Avenue. The efforts of the firemen had but little effect for some time in checking the progress of the fire, and when the wooden base of the dome had been consumed, the roof and dome crashed down, and it was feared that some of the firemen might have been underneath, but fortunately this was not the case, as, when the roll was called, all the men answered, but some of them had received injuries from glass which had fallen from the windows. The gallery and the organ collapsed, but the fire had been contained within the walls of the building and did not reach the sacristy and the two other buildings in the rear. For several hours continuous streams of water were poured, both from the hydrants and the canal, so that it was not until late in the afternoon that the outbreak appeared to abate.

One of the clergy of the Church succeeded, at great personal risk, in saving the sacred vessels and vestments, and a number of the parishoners gave their aid very courageously in removing some church property to a place of safety.

The pictures and statues, of which there were many, were, however, all destroyed. It was stated that it was not possible to arrive at an exact estimate of the damage, but it is roughly placed between £30,000 and 35,000, and is covered by insurance with the Irish Catholic Assurance Co.

A large number of people, including the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Archbishop Walsh, and many others, visited the scene and expressed their sympathy with Archdeacon Fricker (the parish priest) and the clergy of the Church.

The church, which was on the plan of the Greek Cross, was built in the middle of the last century, but it was not until 1880 that the portico, with its graceful and lofty columns, was added. There were three altars in addition to the high altar, which was of artistic and impressive design.



The Superior and Community were not slow in offering their sympathy and what practical help they could. We quote from the General Bulletin published in November 1920:

"In the month of February (*sic*) last, a fire broke out in the fine Parish Church of Rathmines, which is situated almost opposite our house, and left it in ruins. It was impossible to put out the fire, and in spite of all the efforts of the firemen, the entire roof and the copper dome which crowns it collapsed. The main altar of white marble and the two other altars were reduced to dust under the debris of the roof. The sacristy, fine and spacious, was saved with its ornaments. The walls alone remained upright, with the facade rising up on strong corinthian pillars and surmounted by a majestic statue of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners.

Immediately after the disaster, Fr Provincial (Con O'Shea) and First Assistant and Bursar (Laurence Healy) went to visit the Venerable Archdeacon Fricker, parish priest of Rathmines, to offer him and his clergy, with our sympathetic condolences, what help we could, by placing at their disposal the former recreation hall of the school to serve as a temporary church, their parish being entirely bereft of a chapel.

This offer was received with the liveliest appreciation. 'Providence', said the poor Archdeacon, 'has kept you among us. Where would we be without the Fathers of St Mary's? The Holy Ghost Fathers come, always and everywhere, to the aid of the secular priests.'

Until the following July, therefore, the assembly hall in St Mary's became the parish church of Rathmines, and much of the parochial activity took place there. When the parish building fund committee decided to hold a bazaar (called the Restora Bazaar) in order to raise funds for the restoration of the church, it was to St Mary's they turned and the front field became once again, as it would a number of times in later years for other purposes, the scene of hectic activity with 'all the fun of the fair'. In gratitude for the help given, the committee installed electricity throughout St Mary's.

In July 1922, Fr O'Shea had to relinquish the post of Provincial Superior because of ill health, which was diagnosed as cancer. He died in September of that year. He was replaced by Fr Joseph Byrne who would later become a missionary bishop in East Africa. At the same time, Fr Michael Meagher was appointed Superior of St Mary's, a post hitherto filled by the Provincial. This meant a change in the *Missionary Annals*, and Fr Tom O'Brien became editor with Fr Jim Dowling as assistant. But the biggest change came with the transfer in 1924 of the House of Philosophy to the Castle, Blackrock. The establishment of the National University of Ireland in 1908 with its constituent college in Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, made the university college in the Castle, as, indeed, the Jesuit university college, Stephen's Green, redundant. It continued to be used more or less as a university hostel for UCD for some years, but the enforced erection of Irish Houses of Theology and Philosophy during the 1914-1918 War, was so successful that it was decided to continue the experiment, but to bring the two faculties closer together. The Castle was chosen as the venue, and in 1924 the theologians left Kimmage to the novices and the philosophers left St Mary's to the Provincial and the *Missionary Annals*, and the twain met in the Castle under Fr John Kearney, former professor of Physics, and soon-to-be well-known spiritual writer and director. Fr Patrick Heerey remained on in St Mary's as Bursar. Four brothers, Epiphanius O'Leary, Austin Tobin, Kilian Melligan and Declan Mansfield completed the community.

The departure of so many was looked upon by those parents and past pupils, as well as the local clergy, who had never lost the hope of seeing the college open again as a secondary school, as an opportunity of pressing their claims, which they began to do in no uncertain terms. They sought the help of everyone who they thought might have influence in persuading the Holy Ghost authorities to rescind the decision which had closed the school eight years before. And to this end, they focused their campaign on the General Chapter at which a new Superior General was to be elected in Paris in 1926.

DEMAND TO RE-OPEN

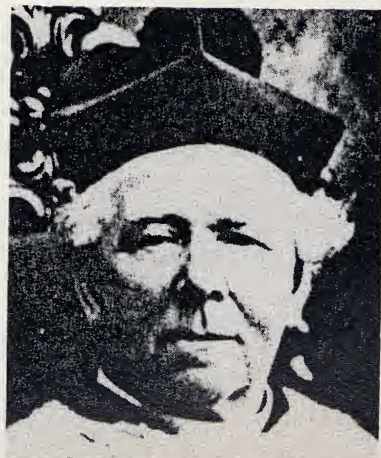
In 1925 Fr Byrne's term of office as Provincial Superior came to an end and Fr Richard Harnett was appointed in his stead. Fr Harnett had been on the staff of the school during the presidency of Fr O'Hanlon and those anxious to see the school re-open found a ready supporter in him. Within months of his appointment, we find him writing to the Mother House:

His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, is forever urging us to re-open St Mary's. His Grace says that many children round St Mary's are going to Protestant schools, and there is grave danger for their faith.

His Grace, the priests, and the friends of St Mary's are asking us to re-open the school. The suggestion has been made that we should re-open and keep boys



*Dr Byrne
Archbishop of Dublin*



Canon Fricker



Dr Richard Harnett, CSSp

to the age of 16. Two or three Fathers, as many prefects and a couple of laymen, could run the school. We are told that if we decide to re-open the school, the debt will be cleared off. Fr Stafford says that the actual debt was over £6,000, but the debt to be cleared would be nearer £10,000, as the first figure represented the debt at the time the school was closed.

When I was talking to your Grace, I think you remarked that the question could be considered if the debt could be cleared off. The members of the Provincial Council have asked me to put this question to the Mother House: 'Would the Mother House consider the re-opening of St Mary's, if the debt is cleared off? If the Mother House says – Yes – to the above question, then we will be in a position to tell His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, that if the debt on St Mary's is paid in full, the Mother House will permit us to re-open the school.

The Superior General in question was Archbishop Le Roy, who was just completing his thirtieth year at the head of the Congregation, so he was naturally hesitant about making such a decision just before handing over to his successor, who would be elected in a few months' time. The Friends of St Mary's, probably not without coaching from the sidelines, saw the necessity of getting in on the ground floor, so they arranged to have a formal petition drawn up which a selected delegation would bring in person to Paris and hand over to the newly elected Superior General, while at the same time, lobbying as many of the Delegates to the General Chapter as they could to their point of view. In this they were eminently successful, because, besides the Irish delegates – Fr Harnett and Fr Meagher – there were two very influential members of the Chapter in Bishop Shanahan of Southern Nigeria and Bishop O'Gorman of Sierra Leone. The delegation chosen to present the petition and plead the case were Fr P. Hayden, PP, Francis St, a past pupil of Blackrock College and loyal supporter of the work of the Holy Ghost Fathers, and Michael Corrigan, Chief State Solicitor, also a past pupil.

Among the signatories of the petition were the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Byrne, and the Diocesan Chapter; the three Vicars General, Mgr Dunne, Mgr Wall and Mgr Walshe; the PPs of Rathmines, Rathgar, Dolphin's Barn, and three other adjoining parishes; the Governor-General, Timothy M. Healy; the President of the Executive Council, William T. Cosgrave, and members of the judiciary, the legal and medical professions. It was in a tubular silver casket when presented to the newly elected Superior General, Msgr Le Hunsec, who was to rule the Congregation till 1948. It is preserved here in St Mary's, and

was one of the symbolic objects used in the offertory procession in the Centenary Mass on September 28, 1989, which officially opened the Centenary Year. Besides the petition, there was a memorandum drawn up by Fr Michael Meagher which may well have been the deciding factor. At any rate, all the efforts were crowned with success. The new General Council of the Holy Ghost Fathers decided in principle that St Mary's could re-open, provided the outstanding debt was paid in a reasonably short time, and that the equipment necessary for the running of a school was provided. Assurances given in this regard were accepted, and the General Council was

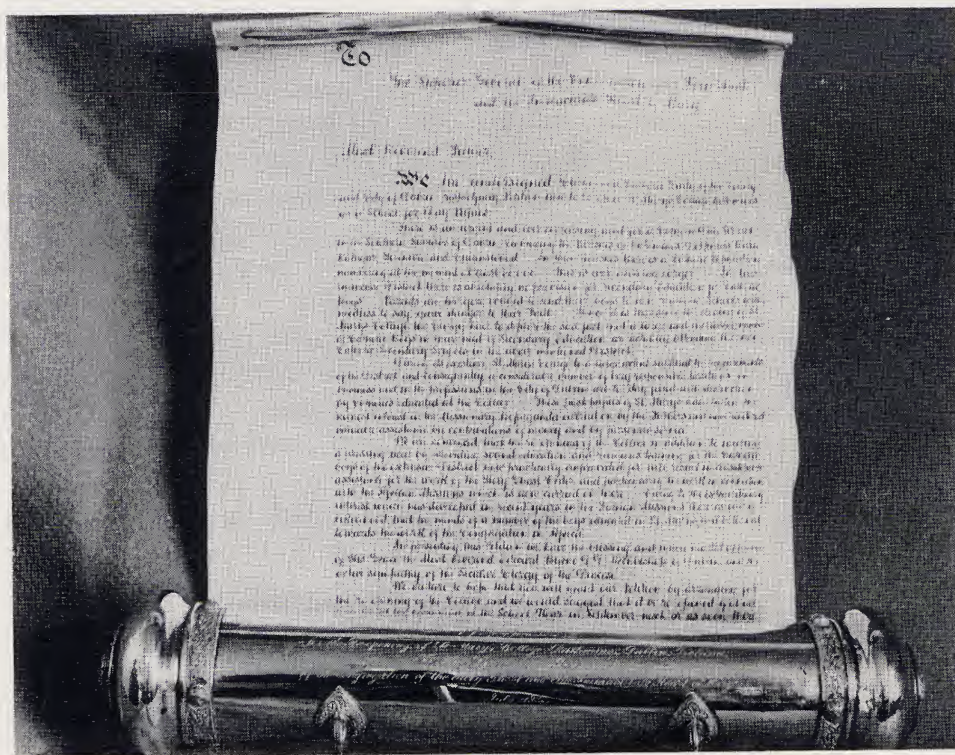
happy to place confidence in the Irish Province by granting their request . . . which far from harming the Missions, will help them to procure material resources and give them in the very near future very numerous personnel.

All was set for a Grand Re-Opening. At the beginning of September, Fr Harnett was writing to Paris:

The Committee formed to liquidate the debt is meeting here on October 1. This Committee is charged with all public appeals for donations from clergy and laity, and there will be a Grand Bazaar, etc. etc. It is the intention that the debt will be paid in a very little time (2 years) . . . A beginning has been made. The Archbishop and the clergy are taking measures to see that parents withdraw their children from Protestant schools. From the moment the news was spread, parents came to ask that the college be opened. The academic year begins in September. If the College does not open this month, we will lose the state subvention, that is to say, 800-1000 pounds sterling.

In opening the College now, we gain all the money the Propaganda team set aside for the maintenance of the Rathmines Community. That Community will no longer be the responsibility of the Propaganda Team, and in that way there will a greater sum for the upkeep of our scholastics.

So, we have decided to re-open the College on September 6. The Provincial Council hope that their decision will be ratified by the Mother House.



Silver casket containing petition to re-open the college, 1926

Chapter Ten

1926-1927



President
Very Rev. Michael Meagher

REVEREND FATHERS

Dr James O'Neill – Dean of Studies
Daniel Leen – Dean of Discipline
Michael Sexton – Bursar
James Dowling – Professor

REVEREND BROTHER

Kilian Melligan – Professor

REVEREND PREFECTS

Kevin Devenish
Patrick O'Carroll
James Giltinan

LAY PROFESSORS

John Gallagher – Lay Professor
Mr Flood – Drill Instructor

COMMUNITY

Very Rev Fr Richard Harnett – Provincial Superior
Fr John Stafford – Provincial Bursar
Fr Thomas O'Brien – Missionary Annals
Bro. Austin Tobin – Cook/Porter



James "Doc" O'Neill, CSSp



Michael Sexton, CSSp



Daniel Leen, CSSp

WHEN THE SCHOOL re-opened in 1926, the Superior of the Community and President of the College was Fr Michael Meagher, and he held the post for one year when the Provincial Superior, Fr Richard Harnett, took over. It was fitting that the first two Presidents of the College should have been the two delegates who had been sent to Paris to argue the case for its re-opening. The first Dean of Studies was Dr James O'Neill, whom we have already met as a prefect of cricketing prowess more than thirty years before in the early days of the school in the Gay Nineties. With him was Fr Michael Sexton, Mr John Gallagher, who had come from the staff of Rockwell, and three prefects, Patrick O'Carroll, Kevin Devenish and James Giltinan. Two members of the Propaganda Team gave their services, Fr Dan Leen as Dean of Discipline and Bursar, and Fr Jim Dowling, who gave Religious Instruction. Brother Kilian helped out in the Junior classes.

Dr James O'Neill

James O. O'Neill was born in Hollywood, county Down, in 1873 and went to school in Blackrock until 1892, when he entered the Castle to do his B.A. in the old Royal University. In 1895 he went to St Mary's as a prefect. There we have seen he established a name for himself at cricket. He went to Rome in 1897 and did a D.D. which gave him his nickname of 'Doc', by which he was universally known. He returned to Ireland in 1902 and was on the staff in Blackrock till 1906 when he went to Rockwell. There he spent twenty years, five of them as Dean of Studies. He was appointed to St Mary's in 1926 as Dean of the re-opened school and spent the rest of his life there until his death in 1948.

Fr Michael Sexton

Fr Michael Sexton was born in Miltown Malbay, county Clare, in 1885, and went to the juniorate in Rockwell for his secondary studies. He did his philosophy studies in France and then prefected in Rockwell from 1908 to 1911, when he returned to France for his theology. He was ordained in 1914 in Chevilly and was sent on the missions to Sierra Leone from 1915 to 1923, when illness forced his return to Ireland. He was on the staff of Blackrock from 1923 to 1926 and then came to St Mary's, taking over the duties of Dean of Discipline from Fr Dan Leen after just one year. He was Dean until 1934 when he handed over to Fr John Nealon, and again in 1935 for one more year. Ill health forced him to retire in 1939 and he died in 1948.

Fr Dan Leen

Dan Leen was the brother of Dr James Leen, Archbishop/Bishop of Port Louis, Mauritius, and of Dr Edward Leen, former President of Blackrock, and Director of Philosophers when they resided in St Mary's from 1917-1924. Dan was born in Abbeyfeale in 1882 and went to Rockwell at the age of thirteen until 1900, and then to France after some years prefecting. He did his novitiate in 1905-06 and was professed in the Congregation in 1906 before doing his theology in Chevilly, Paris, where he was ordained in 1910. He returned to Ireland the following year and taught in St Mary's from 1912 till 1914, and then in Rockwell until he went to the United States in 1924 to join the Mission Band for two years. He returned to spend one year as Dean of Discipline in St Mary's and then spent seven years in Rockwell before the final seven years of his life in Blackrock. He died in 1941.

Bro. Kilian Melligan helped out in the Junior School with the teaching of religion as well as looking after the house-keeping for the community. He later joined the Propaganda Team in Kimmage Manor and was indefatigable in the work of fund-raising, traversing Ireland from end to end, in all weathers and conditions, as his successors do to this day.



Besides the teaching staff, there were also in the Community at that time: The Provincial Superior, Very Reverend Dr Richard Harnett who would assume the duties of President of the College the next year; the Provincial Bursar, Fr John Stafford; Fr Tom O'Brien, Editor of *The Missionary Annals*, and Brother Austin Tobin, who looked after the kitchen. The major change during the month of October was the transfer of The Missionary Annals office to its former quarters at 23 Rathmines Road, a move that released some badly needed classroom space.

GRAND RE-OPENING

Compared to the fanfare and panoply that attended the opening of the college for the first time on September 8, 1890, the second opening on September 6 1926 was a pallid, understated affair. No massed bands, no flags and bunting, no florid descriptions in the national press. In fact, all that appeared in the national press was a business-like, stark announcement in the *Irish Independent* on August 18:



Ned Colleton, CSSp

Irish Independent AUGUST 18, 1926.

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Paddy Branagan



Group of staff and students on re-opening of the College, 1926
 The staff are (seated fourth from left): James Giltinan; Fr Michael Sexton;
 Br. Kilian Melligan; Mr John Gallagher; Fr Dan Leen; Fr Michael Meagher;
 Br James O'Neill; Fr James Dowling; Pat O'Carroll; Kevin Devenish.

SCHOOL ROLL 1926-1927

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| 1. Edward Colleton | 25. Gerard Molloy | 49. Valentine Buggy |
| 2. Cornelius Creedon | 26. John Mooney | 50. James Jenkinson |
| 3. Hugh Crean | 27. John Nagle | 51. Andrew O'Hanlon |
| 4. Bernard Marriot | 28. Peter Nugent | 52. John Branagan |
| 5. Thomas Murray | 29. Laurence O'Hare | 53. William Boyd |
| 6. Donald Nagle | 30. Richard Quigley | 54. Charles Kelly |
| 7. William Smith | 31. John Ryan | 55. Michael Fitzgerald |
| 8. William Williams | 32. James Prendergast | 56. Francis Culhane |
| 9. Michael Flynn | 33. Frederick O'Hare | 57. Patrick Mooney |
| 10. John Mangan | 34. Bryan Smith | 58. John Dunne |
| 11. Anthony Ashley | 35. John O'Sullivan | 59. Charles Clifton |
| 12. Maurice Branagan | 36. James Ganter | 60. Michael Creedon |
| 13. Arthur Mahon | 37. James Collison | 61. Liam D'Alton |
| 14. Tadhg O'Donovan | 38. Henry Thompson | 62. Thomas Kelly |
| 15. Terence O'Gorman | 39. Matthew Collison | 63. Michael Leahy |
| 16. James O'Neill | 40. Patrick Collison | 64. Robert Pidgeon |
| 17. Redmond Wheeler | 41. Denis Coveney | 65. Richard Pratt |
| 18. Gerard Branagan | 42. Thaddeus Fallon | 66. Edward Quigley |
| 19. Garret Foley | 43. Gerald Robinson | 67. Joseph Rogan |
| 20. Edward Rowan | 44. Charles Wilson | 68. Desmond Schlegel |
| 21. Joseph Aylward | 45. Patrick O'Toole | 69. Frederick Ganter |
| 22. Patrick Branagan | 46. Gerard S. Cox | 70. Thomas O'Higgins |
| 23. Patrick Crean | 47. John Ryan | 71. Michael O'Higgins |
| 24. William Garvan | 48. John Finn | 72. Robert Becker |

As against that we do have quite a number of people still around who were there and are eye-witnesses to the events. In fact, from this point onwards the task of the compiler of the history of the college is to choose what events to recall and comment on and to what extent. The material is to hand, if not in published form, at least in the heads of living witnesses, and from 1940 onwards, the date of the first College Annual, with a few gaps until 1958, but thereafter almost unfailingly, we have a written record of all the happenings in the school and in the union, all the students who were enrolled, their academic successes in the school and afterwards, their exploits on the playing fields in school and afterwards, their extra-curricular activities, the staff who taught them, deaths and marriages. To complete this historic record, a chronological summary of those recorded events will have to be made, which will inevitably involve the inclusion of many people as it will the omission of even more. The compiler realises that no matter what he does, some people will not be pleased with the omissions, and all that he can hope is that the majority will recognise the problem and grant him the good will that he did try to exercise.

EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF RE-OPENING

The following accounts are from the recollections of a number of people who were present at the re-opening of the school after that ten-year gap, including Fr Giltinan, Fr Ned Colleton and Paddy Branagan, who later played an influential part in the formation and early days of the union, the rugby, tennis and cricket clubs, and has remained a steadfast supporter of all things Mary's.

Looking back on that first day of the re-opened St Mary's, Fr Ned Colleton reminisced in the 1958 *College Annual*:

The clock of Rathmines Town Hall struck a quarter to nine as a little boy of thirteen, with long spindly legs, bony knees and an unruly head of hair, trotted up the avenue of St Mary's. It was 6 September 1926, the day the school re-opened after a lapse of ten years.

Eleven boys had arrived before me; we stood around in awkward silence and finally, introduced ourselves to one another with the informality of youth. I have no list before me as I write, but the names and faces come slowly out of the past – Peter Nugent, who was to become our first captain, Denis Coveney, the four Branagan brothers, Paddy, Maurice, Gerard and Jack (who is now like myself a Holy Ghost Father in East Africa; Gerard is dead). Others come up the avenue as the morning wore on – Gerard Cox (dead), John Ryan, Tighe O'Donovan, and others. We were the foundation members of the new St Mary's and the beginning of a tradition which has no reason to hang its head.

We were beginning to wonder if the staff knew that the school was starting that morning, when suddenly a door opened and a priest came out with a ball. It was the late Fr Dan Leen, the Dean of Discipline. He kicked the ball down the field and we all gave chase. St Mary's had opened!

A school without a bell is really not a school at all. We were soon made aware of the fact that this was a school by the loud clanging of that essential instrument. Three huge men, all over six feet, stood outside the hall and indicated that we should enter. We did not know whether we should call them 'Father' or 'Brother', and finally settled for 'Sir', since they looked too young to be priests and did not have the half-collars of Brothers. We discovered that they were the prefects, who would be the proximate organisers, under the Dean, of everything that happened in the school.

We filed into the hall to await the worst. A white-haired priest appeared on the rostrum and welcomed us to St Mary's. He was Doctor O'Neill, the Dean of Studies – a man he was severe and stern to view. Like every good Dean, he made us work and courted unpopularity in the process. It was only in later years that many of us realised how much we owed him. May he rest in peace.

One of the "three huge men" who waited at the door of the hall for the new boys to file in was Fr Jim Giltinan, who is happily still with us, as large as ever, and living in Kimmage Manor after a lifetime working as a missionary in Kenya. He was preparing to begin his studies in the Castle in Blackrock as the month of September began. Those chosen to be prefects in Blackrock, Rockwell and Trinidad, had already departed, when the word came that three more were to be chosen for St Mary's, which was to open as a day school once more. The three were, Kevin Devenish, Patrick O'Carroll and Jim, all well over six feet. Fr Jim tells us that he remembers nothing of that first day of school, which is scarcely surprising, as he was as much a new boy to teaching as the boys were to St Mary's, and must have faced that first day in class with far greater trepidation than any of the boys. He tells us that he had a crash course in teaching from Dr O'Neill, who told him after a week that he was faithfully following the method taught him, so Fr Jim could then relax a little and enjoy the experience.

Looking back after a lapse of sixty years, he vividly recalls that he found the boys pleasant and easy to deal with, and just wondered if they found him equally so. The other two prefects were Pat O'Carroll (1907-1967) and Kevin Devenish. Pat was born in



James Giltinan, CSSp



Patrick O'Carroll, CSSp



Kevin Devenish, CSSp

Newcastle West, county Limerick and went to Blackrock from 1922 to 1925. He was a prefect in St Mary's from 1926 to 1929 and then went to the Castle to do philosophy for two years and then theology for three. He was then sent to Rome where he attended the Gregorian for his D.D. from 1934 to 1937. He was ordained in Rome in 1934. He returned to Ireland and was appointed Director of Theologians in Kimmage Manor for ten years and Superior for three of them, 1944-1947, when he was appointed Provincial Superior, a post he retained until 1956. He then spent ten years in the United States, in charge of a high school in Chicago and another in Riverside, California. He died in Chicago in 1967.

Kevin Devenish was born in Trinidad, West Indies, in 1906 and was educated in St Mary's, Port-of-Spain. In 1923 he came to Ireland and entered the Juniorate in Rockwell College for one year before joining the Holy Ghost Fathers. He entered the Novitiate in 1924 and was professed in August 1925 before beginning his philosophy studies in the Castle, Blackrock. The unexpected re-opening of St Mary's Rathmines in September 1926 interrupted his studies and he was appointed prefect, a role he filled for three years, during which time he played regularly for the Blackrock RFC 1st XV. After St Mary's he returned to Blackrock to complete his studies and was ordained priest in 1933. The following year he was sent on the missions, to Zanzibar, East Africa, where he engaged in pastoral work until appointed first Principal of St Mary's Secondary School, Nairobi in 1939. The outbreak of World War II that year led to major upsets in the staffing of many of the missions in East Africa and the internment of missionaries from Axis countries. Fr Devenish was appointed Vicar-Delegate of Addis Ababa and Harar in Abyssinia in 1943 and along with a number of other Holy Ghost Fathers from East Africa, remained in Abyssinia for the duration of the war. In 1947 they were relieved and returned to Europe. Kevin returned to Trinidad and went on the staff of St Mary's College for three years until he was appointed parish priest of St Joseph's Parish in Port-of-Spain for eleven years, before transferring to Fatima parish, Curepe in 1961, where he worked until his death in 1974.

RECOLLECTIONS OF ONE WHO WAS THERE

BY P. A. BRANAGAN

The College re-opened in September 1926 with a total of 65 boys on the roll. In the course of the year, new arrivals brought the number up to 69 by June 1927.

Entering the school at this time was quite exciting. Some of the boys had known one another at their previous schools, but for most, they met first as strangers.

In 1926, the top class, Fourth Year, contained about twelve boys. Second and Third Year were somewhat larger.

The small number on the school roll perhaps posed problems in the academic sphere. It certainly did so on the rugby field. It was not possible to select rugby teams in the customary categories, Under 18, Under 16 etc. The St Mary's 1st XV of 1926-27 comprised players whose ages ranged from twelve to seventeen. One of the youngest, and quite a star, was Jimmy Woodcock. Jimmy left later and went on to Blackrock where he captained the SCT and also Leinster Schools.

Perhaps only one of the First XV had ever previously participated in an organised rugby match. This was Peter Nugent, who had come from Blackrock College. He was a sophisticated mature youth with an abundance of pocket money which he used generously to the benefit of his less affluent classmates. Peter was captain of rugby and cricket in 1926-27 and again in 1927-28. If, at that time, there had been an office of Captain of the School, Peter would certainly have held it. He was a born leader.

The first home rugby match was against CUS SCT. As the St Mary's young and jittery team was preparing for the game, the already low morale was depressed still further by observer reports of the monstrous size of the CUS team as they proceeded up the driveway. In the first quarter of the match Peter Nugent took on CUS on his own. The rest of the team applauded his efforts heartily, but contributed little else. On the team-sheet Peter was a forward, in this match he was everywhere.

Inspired by Peter, the other 14 players overcame their stage-fright and supported Peter valiantly until the end of the game. Peter Nugent's part in re-launching St Mary's was quite significant.

In later years, Peter was a distinguished senior counsel. It was he who presented in court the St Mary's College Rugby Club's application for a bar licence. He also served in 1939-40 as President of the Union.

A House League was held at this time, comprising three teams. The disparity in the ages of the players was even wider than in the case of the First XV. Two of the youngest players were fearless wing forwards, Tom and Michael O'Higgins. Both were subsequently members of the Dáil. Tom, as Minister for Health, was responsible for introducing the Voluntary Health Insurance scheme. He later served as Chief Justice, and was Fine Gael candidate for the Presidency of Ireland in competition with Eamon de Valera. He is presently a member of the European Court of Justice.

An activity that was well supported at that time was the Cycling Club. The youngest and most enthusiastic member of the Club was Bobby Pidgeon, who later became a prominent insurance executive. (He also became President of the Union. Ed.)

It appears that in the early years of this century, gymnastics was catered for in some schools. In Leinster, a competition for a shield was held annually under the auspices of the Gymnastic Association. The competition had lapsed during World War I and the Association was moribund by 1926. It is believed that it was Fr Sexton who revived the Association, and with it, the shield competition. At this time the College had a wide variety of gymnastic equipment. However, it was used only intermittently. The shield competition was confined to "Swedish Drill". In 1927-28, St Mary's entered a squad of about 20 boys and were successful. In 1928-29 two squads were entered, and the "A" squad won the shield, beating the "B" squad, Belvedere and Masonic School.

In those years the Headmaster was the Reverend Father O'Neill, CSSp, DD. He was known as "the Doctor". With his rosy cheeks and silvery hair, Dr O'Neill was the picture of benevolence. He was a dominant personality and something of a martinet. He was certainly feared by the boys, but he earned the respect of most and the admiration of many. In the Summer term there was usually a cricket practice net in use during the lunch break. It was the custom for the Doctor to come down to the net, take the bat and then proceed to give a masterful exhibition of the batting art. His style, timing and power would not have shamed Bradman. Strollers round the field had only to have concern for

their ankles. The Doctor never lofted the ball. Dr O'Neill was a reminder that in the early years the Holy Ghost Fathers had some very fine cricketers.

Fr Sexton, assisted by three prefects, Mr Giltinan, Mr O'Carroll and Mr Devenish, looked after the sporting side in addition to their class work.

A feature of the school was the rapport and friendliness that existed between the community, staff and pupils. It was entirely in accordance with this spirit that Fr Sexton's first thought, on hearing the news, was to throw up his window and share his delight with all the boys in the vicinity that "Tipperary Tim" had won the Grand National!

The very fine atmosphere that pervaded the school was, no doubt, due in some measure to its small size. Whatever the reasons, St Mary's was a very happy school.



Those accounts of the recollections of Fr Colleton, Fr Giltinan and Paddy Branagan, of those early days, brings out the flavour of the occasion as no newspaper or any other formal account could do. The Community Journal for the time adds that the opening day began officially with Mass in the college chapel at 10 a.m. It was not possible to hold regular classes at first as the numbers increased every day and the schedule of classes required very careful consideration, because of the disparity, not only in ages, but in previous educational attainments. According to the journal, about fifty boys presented themselves that first day. There were 65 a week later, 71 the week after, and so on. On October 2, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given for the first time in the re-opened college, and it remained a feature of every Saturday morning from then on until after Vatican II.

GAMES

As far as the boys were concerned the highlight of that first month was the arrival of the first batch of football jerseys – royal blue, with a five-pointed white star on the left breast, as of yore. According to the journal also, the first football match played was on October 17 against Blackrock in their grounds. It ended fittingly in a draw, 6-6. Ten days later, Terenure were the opponents and victors by 16-0. The St Mary's boys then did a three-day Retreat! It seems to have had an effect, if not the desired one. That evening they played High School – and won! The score was 10-9. The journal notes, whether for information or explanation, who knows, that the referee was Fr Dan Leen. That was also the day that the school cap (royal blue with silver scroll on gold ground) arrived and was distributed to every boy.

November saw an increase in activity on the rugby field. Fr Sexton, who was in charge of games, was a dynamic personality and was ably seconded by the prefects, one of whom, Kevin Devenish, was an outstanding player, and throughout his prefecting was a regular on the Blackrock Ist Castle XV. On November 1, St Mary's Seconds were beaten 5-8 by Belvedere, but on Nov. 6, beat Rock Day-boys 14-0 (in Blackrock with a Rock referee).

On the 13th, the Firsts beat Mountjoy School 8-6, while, in the first recorded Under-13 match, St Mary's and Terenure shared a 3-3 draw. On the 21st, Rock Day-boys took their revenge with a 14-3 win in Nutley Lane. Three days later, the Rock Boarders also defeated the St Mary's Seconds 6-3. December brought mixed fortune on the field. On the 1st, Terenure were beaten 17-0. The first ever recorded Under-12 match ended in a scoreless draw between St Mary's and Belvedere, but on the 11th, the SCT lost heavily to Mountjoy. All in all, considering the small numbers in the school and the fact that almost

all were without experience in the game of rugby, it was a very satisfactory start to the school's participation in sport.

In the New Year, Mr Devenish set an excellent example to the boys by scoring three tries for Blackrock against Palmerston on January 15. St Mary's Under-12 responded by defeating Rock 20-0 on February 5, but on the following day Rock Under-14s inflicted a heavy 24-0 defeat on St Mary's. High School avenged their defeat at the hands of St Mary's before Christmas by winning handsomely, 14-0 on February 23. That appears to have ended the season for St Mary's who did not enter teams for the Leinster Schools Senior or Junior Cups that year, nor, indeed, the following year.

An interesting feature of the term was the participation in association football. Three matches are recorded. Rock Under-14 defeated St Mary's 1-0 on January 29. Cabra comprehensively defeated them 7-0 in Cabra on February 16, and 2-0 on March 16 in Rathmines.

Immediately after the Easter holidays cricket practice started on a pitch laid out in the front field by Fr Sexton and the prefects, while at the beginning of May, work began on laying out a tennis court on the back field, which was in action by May 14. However, no inter-school matches in either game is reported for that first summer. One reason may well have been that the forthcoming Fête was a preoccupation to the exclusion of almost everything else that summer.

The school was officially, but temporarily, recognised as a secondary school for the academic year, 1926-1927, by the Department of Education on the 8th February, 1927. Full definitive recognition came on May 25, 1928.

ATTACKING THE DEBT

The main condition laid down by the General Council of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Paris in July 1926 for the re-opening of St Mary's College, as we have seen, was that the debt which had contributed to the closure of the college in 1916 would be effectively tackled as soon as possible. The Provincial, Fr Harnett, had promised in a letter in early September that a committee charged with the raising of funds to this end would meet on October 1, and that a Fête would be one of the main fund-raising schemes. This Committee duly met and appointed a sub-committee to look after the Fête. A competition was held to find a name for it and we are told that the name chosen, 'SAMACORA', was Dr O'Neill's suggestion, comprising the first two letters of the name of the school. It is a name which



*Samacora Fête
Ladies Committee,
1927*

is still found stamped on school property to identify it, and it entered the history of the college by being incorporated into the battle-cry of the supporters at cup matches. As early as December 16 the Fête, with its new name, was being advertised in the national newspapers, as due to take place from June 4 to June 12, 1927. As soon as the annual Sale of Work in aid of the Holy Ghost Missions was over on December 18, the college hall was commandeered for the first of a regular schedule of whist drives which continued until the Fête in June. A Concert was held in the Theatre Royal on the Sunday before Lent, a dance in Clery's on the eve of the Ireland/England rugby international. Even a 'Donkey Derby' at Shelbourne Park was considered. In the words of the Journal: "The activities for the Fête have a very satisfactory appearance, and great enterprise is being shown by the committee, under the interested and watchful care of the Provincial, whose desire it is to make an end, once and for all, of this debt, which has from the beginning been an 'incubus' to the Province."

All hopes were being pinned on the Fête.

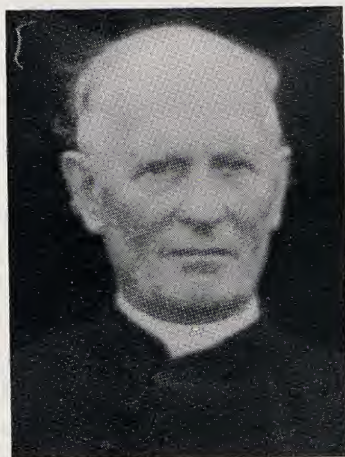
SAMACORA FÊTE

With maximum publicity being given to the forthcoming Fete, serious preparations began on May 17 with the re-painting of the hall, which was to be used as a ballroom. The wooden floor was sandpapered and varnished for dancing. Work began on erecting a hoarding all round the grounds to stymie the free-loaders. This took a week to accomplish. On May 25 a band-stand was erected and Tofts, the Amusement Entrepreneurs, soon after began to unload their gear. May 31, tents were being erected, a merry-go-round and other funfair stalls. All the garden seats were painted green by Fr Dowling, Fr Sexton and the prefects. The garden was turned into a tea-garden, surrounded by trellis for privacy. The kitchen garden was surrounded with chicken-wire to keep the cabbages from being trampled. On June 4 the Fête opened.

It is interesting to note that school continued through all this hustle and bustle. The activities took place in the afternoons, so there was minimum disruption to classwork. The major disruption was to the time-table, in that the classes were reduced to half-hours and school finished at 1 p.m. every day. Grammar I and II classes, whose classrooms had been turned into cloakrooms were accommodated in tents erected on the back field, which delighted the boys concerned. Any change is welcomed by schoolboys. The Intermediate Exams even took place during the Fête, which ended on June 19. The following day, a Supper Dance was held in the hall for the stewards and assistants, by way of a Thank You for all their sterling work. Then the work of clearing up began. School ended on June 23. Most of the clearing up was done by the prefects. Fr Giltinan tells us that they changed into working clothes to disguise themselves and spent three days, from morning until dusk, dismantling the hoarding round the grounds and earning themselves some pocket-money for their summer holidays. By June 30 Mr Toft had removed the last of his paraphernalia and everything was back to normal. The whole affair had netted the college the satisfactory sum of about £3,500.

Chapter Eleven

1927-1934



President
Very Rev Fr Richard Harnett

REVEREND FATHERS

Dr James C. O'Neill – Dean of Studies (1927-34) – Professor (1926-46)
Daniel Leen – Dean of Discipline (1926-28) – Bursar (1926-28)
Michael Sexton – Dean of Discipline (1928-34)(1935-36)
James Dowling – Bursar (1928-41)
Dr David Heelan – Professor (1931-35) – Dean of Discipline (1934-35)
John Nealon – Professor (1936-1938) – Dean of Discipline (1936-38)
Joseph Gilmore – Professor (1933-57)
Dr Denis Kennedy – Professor (1932-33)

REVEREND BROTHER

Kilian Melligan – Professor

REVEREND PREFECTS

Kevin Devenish
Thomas Clerkin
John O'Meara
Joseph B. Whelan
Niall Macauley

Patrick O'Carroll
Austin Lynch
Martin O'Dwyer
William Doolin

James Giltinan
Thomas O'Rourke
Jerome Doody
Michael O'Carroll

LAY PROFESSORS

John Gallagher – (1926-57)
 Michael Nagle – (1928-62)
 Arthur Barrett – (1928-62)
 Miss Burke (Mrs Johnston) – Elocution (1927-31)
 John C. O'Brien – Elocution (1931-34)
 Mr Flood – Drill Master (1926-36)

HIGHER DIPLOMA CANDIDATE TEACHERS

M. J. O'Reilly	Andrew Quinn	Thomas Keegan
James J. O'Friel	James G. O'Connor	Miss Nuala Burke
Denis McGrath	Donal McAuliffe	Joseph Maher
James Troy	Liam Houlihan	Anthony Shannon
P. Smithwick	Thomas Malone	James Masterson
John P. McEnroe	Thomas O'Brien	Michael Walshe
Jeremiah O'Donovan	Francis Drumm	Rev. James Colleran
Charles Reynolds	Michael McGuire	Thomas Martin
T. P. Lyng	Rev. Stephen Kelleher	Pat McGrath
Eugene O'Rourke	John O'Shea.	

COMMUNITY

John Stafford – Provincial Procurator
 Michael Meagher – Director: Holy Childhood
 Thomas O'Brien – Ed: Missionary Annals



*Group of Prize-Winners with staff, 1927
 T. Clerkin; K. Devenish; J. Nagle; D. Leen; J. O'Neill; M. Sexton;
 M. Meagher; J. Gallagher; P. O'Carroll.*

DR DAVID HEELAN joined the staff in 1931, coming straight from completing his D.D. in Rome. He remained until 1935 filling the role of Dean of Discipline during his last year. Dr Denis Kennedy also came from Rome in 1932 and spent just one year on the staff while he completed his M.A. and H.DIP. Fr John Nealon was ordained in 1935 and his first appointment was to St Mary's where he was Dean of Discipline for the two years that he spent in Rathmines. Then for one year he was in Rockwell before going overseas to Mauritius for ten years.

STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The first change in the physical appearance of the College after the re-opening in 1926 was the conversion of the garden to the left of the house, now occupied largely by the college chapel, into a lawn – or shall we say, a grass-covered patch. It was sometimes called the priests' garden and had a number of shrubs as well as a tall flag-pole. It now became tennis courts in summer. The present recreation ground at the back of the house was partly under grass, partly poultry yard, partly kitchen garden. During August 1928 a pavilion and bicycle shed were erected where some of the newer Junior School classrooms are now, and there was a toilet block there too. About that time, the hen-run and kitchen garden were both severely curtailed to give more space to football and cricket in their seasons. In September 1929, the gate lodge was vacated by the tenants and it became a useful adjunct to the community's living space, providing quarters for visitors of whom there was a constant stream from both the missions and the provinces. A new furnace and radiators were also installed at this time. It was a great tribute to the foresight of Fr Tom Fogarty who had installed the heating system nearly forty years before, that it was only now that it needed renewing.

By far the most significant event to occur during this period was undoubtedly the Eucharistic Congress of 1932. Every home in the whole of Ireland was affected – with coats of paint, bunting, flags or new curtains. St Mary's was no exception. The railings along Rathmines Road got a new coat of paint. All the windows, in the school and in the house, were painted. Flagpoles were erected right across the front of the house at the top of the field and down the avenue. Bunting was strung between them almost down to the gate. More than a year previously, the idea of having a side entrance opposite Ardee Road was seriously entertained. When the school was asked by the Congress Committee, whose Chairman, Monsignor Dan Molony of Donnybrook, was a past pupil, to allow a marquee to be erected in the back field to serve as a refreshment tent during the week of the Congress, this alternative entrance became all the more imperative. With the Committee bearing half the cost, the side entrance was made which remained until the building of the College Chapel in 1953 made the present entrance necessary.

1933 saw the most extensive internal alterations in the school for over forty years. The assembly hall was extended to give an extra room on the left – the present biology room – and a much larger stage which allowed for more ambitious productions. At this time Fr Gilmore had joined the staff in order to do the H.DIP. He was a keen amateur painter, mainly of water-colours, but agreed to paint the proscenium of the new stage. He had to spend many weary hours at the top of scaffolding in very awkward postures in order to do it, and in later years often compared himself wryly to Michaelangelo doing the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Above the extra room beside the stage, two more bedrooms for the community were built. A new toilet block was also built, bringing the total cost of the extensions to £2,000, £500 of which was advanced by the Propaganda Team as an interest-free loan.



*Confirmation Class, 1927, with staff
T. Clerkin; K. Devenish; J. O'Neill; D. Leen; P. O'Carroll.*

At this time, the school was using ten classrooms. The six corresponding to the present front six Junior School classrooms and the four rooms off the Assembly Hall. When the school re-opened in 1926, the numbers were so small that four classrooms sufficed to accommodate them. Fourth Year was the top class. This became Fifth Year in 1927-28 and Sixth Year in 1928-29. Increased numbers permitted a more even division of the boys according to age, but particularly in the lower classes there was multi-level teaching until a separate Junior School was established in 1934. Because of the small numbers involved, this was not as unsatisfactory as might appear on the surface. Where greater individual attention can be given, the content of the teaching need not be the same for all. Each one can advance at his own pace and from his own starting point.

Outside the classrooms the school was divided into three sections for games and recreation, seniors, juniors and giants, with captains elected for each category.

ACADEMICS

In June 1928 were published the results of the first public examinations ever held in the re-opened St Mary's. These were the Religious Knowledge examinations held by the Diocesan Examiners for the Diocese of Dublin. The report declared that the knowledge of catechism was excellent, sacred scripture excellent, sacred liturgy specially distinguished. "The boys of the college deserve a special word of praise for their work this year. The majority in both classes exhibited a sound knowledge of doctrine and sacred scripture. A few were weak in the words of the catechism. All seemed interested in liturgy and excelled in the knowledge and use of the missal."

In that same summer of 1928 the first candidates for university matriculation, Peter Nugent and Denis Coveney, were successful, giving 100% success. In the case of Denis,

this was a pity because the fact of his matriculation made him ineligible to play in the Leinster Schools Cup the following year although he was still under age.

In 1929 it was decided that the time had come to begin presenting students for the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate examinations. However, Gerald Branagan and Gerald S. Cox were the first two students recorded as having sat for and passed the Leaving Certificate. That was in 1931. Fred Ganter, John Rogan, Donal Hallissey, Harry Clifton, Morgan Kavanagh, Michael Leahy, Richard Quigley sat and passed the Intermediate Certificate. The next year Jimmy Ganter and John Ryan passed the Leaving, while Liam Dalton, Des Kennedy, Denis Kelly, George Gannon, and Bobby Pidgeon got the Inter. The following are the tabulated results in the Leaving and Intermediate Certificates for the four years for which candidates were submitted.

In 1933 'Doc' O'Neill's class won the French Government's prize for the best class in French in the Intermediate in Ireland.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons.</i>	<i>Pass</i>
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Leaving Certificate

1929			
1930			
1931	2	2	—
1932	2	—	2
1933	4	1	3
1934	4	3	—

Intermediate Certificate

1929			
1930			
1931	7	—	7
1932	5	—	5
1933	13	1	4
1934	4	3	—

DRAMATICS

In 1931 took place the first recorded entertainment by the boys in the re-opened school. The only suprising thing about this is that should have taken so long to happen considering the tradition that had been established in this area before the closure. However, in February the college presented an Entertainment which consisted of song, dance, recitation, instrumental items and physical culture by the very junior juniors. The accompanists were Paddy Branagan, Robert Woodcock and Richard Smyth. It was presented on two nights.

The success of this entertainment, which played to full and enthusiastic houses, put the school once more well on the histrionic path which had characterised it in its pre-closure days and encouraged them to embark on a more ambitious project the next year. Bets were hedged by retaining the concert format, with most of those who had scored successes in 1931 repeating them on April 4 and 5, 1932. Singer Lorcan Foley turned hornpipe dancer for a change (had his voice broken?). But, in addition, a one-act play was presented, *Thompson in Tír Na n-Óg*, the first play from the re-opened School. The players on

*Senior Cup Team,
1927-28*

Back: *M. J. Branagan;
J. B. Mooney; G. Molloy;
L. F. O'Hare;
P. J. Collison;
M. M. Collison;
J. Dunne.*
Seated: *T. O'Donovan;
P. A. Branagan;
P. O. Nugent (Capt.);
G. A. Robinson;
J. J. Ganter.*
Front: *D. J. Coveney;
F. J. O'Hare;
R. E. Quigley.*



this historic occasion were: Frank Purcell, Andrew Leahy, Jerome O'Sullivan, Terry Jackson, Charlie Aliaga-Kelly, Tom Reynolds, Anthony Dudley and Harry Clifton. After an absence of fifteen years, St Mary's College were well and truly back in the entertainment world.

GAMES 1927-34

Rugby

The second year of the new St Mary's opened auspiciously for games with the defeat of Belvedere in a rugby friendly on September 27, to be followed on October 8 by a modest defeat of CUS by 3-0. Rock Day-boys fell the following day by 5-3, while the Under-13s also defeated Rock Day-boys on October 12, the day William T. Cosgrave became President of Saorstát Éireann. The SCT appeared to have possibilities when they comprehensively defeated Mountjoy 31-3, and followed this up by a 3-0 defeat of Terenure College. However, it remained the same old story – some brilliant individuals but a lack of depth because of small numbers. Peter Nugent and Paddy Branagan gained representative honours, being picked for South Dublin against North Dublin. The SCT beat Rock 12-3 on February 1, 1928.

1928-29 was the year St Mary's entered the Leinster Schools' Cup once more. It was the first year they had a 6th Year. After an up-and-down friendly season, they were faced by St Columba's in the first round and survived. It is one of those coincidental quirks of fate that it was St Columba's they met in the first round of the same competition way back in 1899 on their initial appearance in competitive football. On this occasion they were able to reverse the verdict, winning 9-0. At this time there was only one section in the competition. The weakest team could, and often did, meet the strongest team in its



Junior Cup Team, 1933-34

First St. Mary's Winners of Leinster Junior Cup

Back: R. Becker; D. O'Cadlaig; E. D'Alton; L. Foley; D. McGuinn; A. Dudley; F. Walker; E. Nolan.

Seated: P. Scott; G. Boyd; D. Smyth; M. Scott; I. Hooper.

Front: P. Ryan; N. Hooper.

very first match. Paddy Branagan tells us that even before the competition began St Mary's suffered a grievous set-back. One of the very few players whose ability was on a par with with present SCT material was Denis Coveney. Denis, however, had matriculated in fifth year, and, as the regulations then stood, was no longer eligible to play in the Senior Schools Cup, even though he was under age. In the second round Clongowes were the opponents. In those days, if any school were to take the cup from Blackrock it would most certainly be one of three, Belvedere, Castleknock or Clongowes.

"Clongowes," continues Paddy Branagan, "had a good side that year. St Mary's, a mixture of senior and junior players, had taken part in only one cup match prior to the Clongowes game. Inevitably, Clongowes controlled the scrum, the rucks, the line-outs, and with ceaseless good possession, they scored 43 points without reply.

"There was no comparison between the sides for skill, weight and speed. With continuous possession, the fast and skillful Clongowes back-line of Smyth, Crowley, Caffrey and Mullaney opposed to a team utterly inexperienced in cup football, might well have achieved a three figure total.

"That they were restricted to 43 pts, all of which they had to earn, was due to the fact that Mary's never capitulated and strove unceasingly and with much success to halt the non-stop Clongowes attack. In spite of the heavy defeat, Mary's emerged with honour.

"A direct result of the great defensive operation mounted by the team was that one of the team, P. A. Branagan, was selected for Leinster Schools against Connaught.

"The Mary's team in the two cup matches included, besides Paddy Branagan, Richard Quigley (later parish priest Donnycarney), Jimmy Ganter and Gerry Cox, who a few years later were to take the steps that led to the revival of St Mary's College RFC, Matt Collison and Tadhg O'Donovan.

"The Clongowes centre, Chris Crowley, later became President of the Connaught Branch and of the IRFU."

1931-32 was a better year in that the Under-13s came good even if the SCT and JCT were undistinguished. They won all before them that year and ended by bringing the Provincial's Cup to St Mary's for the first time. The Community Journal states that "the boys celebrated vociferously", as well they might!

That victory of the U-13s in 1932 had everyone looking forward to 1934 and the Junior Cup. The team was still intact, captained by Dermot Smyth, and great things were expected of them. They rose to those expectations like heroes. On February 5 they beat CUS in the first round. On February 13 they accounted for St Andrew's. One week later they defeated Pres. Glashule. On February 27 came the first hiccup. They met and were held to a draw by Castleknock. The replay came on March 2 and St Mary's scraped through 3-0. The

March '34.

24. St Mary's for the first time won the Junior Schools Cup. (under 16)

On an ideal football evening, brilliant sheen, nippy air, and perfect pitch St Mary's realized her efforts of a quarter of a century. She secured, amidst the enthusiastic delight of friends old and young, the coveted trophy of Junior Schools' hockey. The occasion produced a reunion such as was not staged for a long time past. The many new banners - deep blue and white with six-pointed star - blessed by St. Ann's, recalled many a hectic struggle and noise of battles long ago. An especially pleasing feature of the evening was the full rally of recent past students. Their deep interest and helpful encouragement on the side line augurs well for a continuation of their devotion to Alma Mater.

The active heroes - the gallant little team - deserved all the praise so generously bestowed. When it is recalled that our numbers are 165 and the actual eligibles for places are only two over the required 15, the victory is shown as very creditable indeed. Moreover the average physique and weight was certainly lower than that of the majority of the seven opponents whose banners were lowered in the strenuous fight to the final. A high degree of pluck, unflinching determination, and a generous spirit were the salient ingredients which Dr. Sexton and Mr. J. Whelan moulded into a clever team of fighting gentlemen who have brought lustre on stonied St Mary's.

Extract from Community Journal, 1934

final on March 27 was everything that could be wished for. The staid Community Journal devoted an unprecedented twenty-six florid lines to the event – without once mentioning who the opponents were or what the final score was!

For the record, the opponents were Mountjoy School and the final score was 6-0. A less poetic, but more informative, account of the final was given in the press:

St Mary's College (Rathmines) won the Leinster Schools Junior Cup for the first time when, at Lansdowne Road. yesterday, they beat Mountjoy School, who were also making their first appearance in the final, by two tries (6 pts) to nil.

St Mary's, who were playing their seventh cup tie this season, having won their way through the qualifying section before entering the competition proper, were deserving of their success yesterday, for, having had the worst of the first half, they later settled down and gradually wore down a heavier opposition. This they did by a discriminating use of the kick ahead.

Mountjoy had certainly a cleverer back division, but they lacked the speed to turn an occasional cut-through in the centre to advantage, and were repeatedly held up by the deadly St Mary's tackling, in which Smyth and Becker were outstanding.

Smyth as scrum-half was a great source of worry to the Mountjoy defence, and put in some strong bursts from the scrum. The diminutive Niall Hooper, on the Mary's wing, also created a favourable impression, and kicked to touch exceptionally well.

The first half was scoreless, but, fifteen minutes after the interval, D. Smyth, with a strong run from the scrum on the Mountjoy "25", scored a splendid try at the corner. The same player was instrumental in A. Dalton getting the second score ten minutes later.

Irish Independent

Other press reports declared: "The Rathmines boys were well worthy of their victory . . . and showed themselves throughout to be a clever young side".

Another stated: "They are a right good side, balanced in every phase and we wish them every success".

And again: "St Mary's were the smaller side but they were a better trained lot".

As a reward for their accomplishment, the team were brought on a picnic at Fr Ernest Farrell's expense, the past pupils union providing the transport.

Gymnastics

In pre-closure days St Mary's had won an enviable reputation in gymnastics, winning the All Ireland Gymnastic Shield for a record six years in succession. When the School re-opened in 1926, this discipline was not forgotten. The equipment had gone with the changeover from school to seminary in 1917, but this did not prevent Fr Sexton from introducing Swedish Drill for all as a basic requirement for proper deportment and as a preparation for full gymnastics at a later date. Mr Flood was the first Drill Master and did his work so well that St Mary's were regular winners of the Drill Display competitions which were a feature of school activity in those days. On May 31, 1928, St Mary's came second in the Dublin Championships held in the Rathmines Town Hall. The following year they won, as they did the year after. It was not until September 1931 that Fr Sexton

managed to procure gymnastic equipment for the school and gymnastics proper could begin once more. On June 17, 1932, the Drill Display Shield was retained by default. St Mary's were the only qualifiers, although the Eucharistic Congress just about to begin may be the reason no other school qualified.

Cricket

As we have already seen, cricket began immediately on the resumption of school every year after the Easter holidays. Pitches were laid out both in the front field and the back field by Fr Sexton and the prefects. Belvedere and Terenure were the most frequent opponents. Belvedere won 46-42 on May 23 and Terenure on May 26. There were four matches in June, two against Belvedere, one won, one lost; two against Terenure, one lost on June 23, one won by an innings on June 27. On June 20 the Annual Past v Present match was inaugurated with a win for the Present, 137-59. But it must be noted that the Present were bolstered by the presence of Doc O'Neill and two prefects, Kevin Devenish and Tom Clerkin, for the occasion. The good Doctor may have lost some of his suppleness and fleetness of foot, but his technique and power were as devastating as ever.

1929 was an important year in sport for the school. We have already seen that it was the year in which they re-entered the Schools' rugby competitions. For cricket it was memorable for the presentation of a Perpetual Cup for competition between the U-14s of St Mary's and Blackrock Day-boys. It was presented by Fr Denis Joy, a Holy Ghost missionary in Sierra Leone and named the O'Gorman Cup after the Holy Ghost Bishop of Sierra Leone, Bishop John O'Gorman. That competition was the outstanding cricket fixture between the sister colleges but has been in abeyance now for many years. The inaugural competition in 1929 was won easily by St Mary's, captained by Jack Branagan, who went on to become a Holy Ghost missionary in Kenya.

In the Summer of 1932, a group of students decided to form their own cricket club. They wanted to continue playing cricket during the holidays, and the only way to do this was to form a club and affiliate with the Leinster Branch of the Irish Cricket Union. In this way

*Senior Cricket
Cup Team, 1927-28*

Back: M. Collison;
P. Collison; G. Molloy;
J. Shiels.
Seated: Val Buggy;
P. Branagan; P. Nugent;
D. Coveney; B. Mooney.
Front: F. O'Hare;
M. Branagan.





First O'Gorman Cricket Cup Winners, 1929

Back: F. Constantine;
P. Byrne; F. Ganter;
J. Keogh.
Seated: L. Dalton;
B. Clifton; J. Branagan
(Capt.); D. Dunne;
M. Leahy.
Front: J. Honeyman;
C. Duffy.

they would have entrée into the Leagues and Cup competitions at various levels. Early in July they met and formed the 'Optimists', leasing a ground on the north side of the City. Everything was financed from the members' own subscriptions. This was the beginning of the Past Students Cricket Club which was to flourish for the next fifteen years. In those days, whist drives were a favourite way of raising funds for any worthy cause, and we find the 'Optimists' staging a whist drive in the college hall in January 1933, which was reported as being very successful. Charlie Wilson was the first Hon Secretary, 1931-32, followed by Matt Collison 1932-33, and Gerald Branagan 1933-34. At the end of April, the Present beat the Past by just one run in the Annual Match, and in June, the O'Gorman Cup was won once again by St Mary's.

Tennis

Tennis, because of the space it occupies in relation to the numbers that can avail of it, is of necessity, a minority sport. A court takes up considerable space while at most only four people can use it at one time and a game can last for hours. Nevertheless, it was a popular sport in St Mary's from the beginning. Before the acquisition of Kenilworth, tennis courts were laid out at the upper end of the front field and in an area now occupied by the senior school. On Prize-winners Day in June 1933, a special Cup was presented to T. G. Kavanagh for having won the college championships for the third year in succession. Bobby Pidgeon and Des McGuinn were players who went on to contest the no. 1 spot in the St Mary's LTC in the '40s.

Athletics

The Annual Sports Day continued to have the important place in the school calendar that it had acquired over the years from the foundation of the school. It was always a gala day, made colourful by the flags and bunting that decorated the front field, while the white lines of the track against the green of the lush grass, thronged with boys of all ages dressed in long white trousers or in singlet-and-shorts, made a brave sight for the passers-by who

paused in their hundreds to view the show. Many of the boys' families attended, dressed in their summer finery, with either the Garda or Artane Boys Band to spice the occasion. Heats were run the days before so that the full programme of field and track events could be run off expeditiously. The President of the PPU generally presented the prizes, and for the years under review at the moment, that meant Fr Ernest Farrell, whose interest in and encouragement of all things Mary's made him the outstanding past pupil of the school. When presenting the prizes in June 1932, he told the boys that he owed a great debt of gratitude to the Holy Ghost Fathers. The boys were now having the same advantages that he had, and he hoped that they would profit by them and always retain a great regard and gratitude for what was being done for them.

The only outstanding athlete of that period appears to have been Fred Constantine who gained 2nd place in the High Jump in the Leinster Colleges Sports in Lansdowne Road on May 13, 1933.

THE PAST STUDENTS

Revitalised Union

On December 3, 1927, a notice appeared in the national papers calling on the past pupils of St Mary's to re-form their Past Pupils Union. A meeting was held in the college on December 6 with about 40 present and the union was re-born. Jack O'Brien was elected provisional President. The press reported:

The St Mary's College (CSSp) Union was successfully inaugurated at a largely attended meeting in the College, Rathmines, last night. Fr Meagher, CSSp, presiding, said he had no doubt that the establishment of the union would rally all the old students, and make for the greater glory of the college, of which all of them were so proud.. A draft of the Constitution was considered and several amendments inserted.

Two days later it was further reported:

The St Mary's College Union – Mr J. C. O'Brien was unanimously elected President and Rev. T. Farrell, C.C. Vice-president, Mr A. O'Reilly, Hon. Sec. and Mr C. Spadaccini, Hon. Treasurer of the newly established St Mary's College, Rathmines, Union. Mr P. J. Hayden, Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Committee, read an interesting report of the work of that committee and said that everything augured well for the new union. They were in communication with many St Mary's men abroad and had promises of their whole-hearted support. The following were appointed to the Committee: Very Rev. R. A. Harnett, B.D. (Provincial of the Order); W. P. Blunden; P. J. Hayden; F. Purcell; G. E. Moore and P. J. Tierney.

With the school re-opened for just one year, it was obviously the old guard from pre-closure days that would form the bulk of the union. The names of the officers and committee-men are those who had given stalwart service in the earlier years of the century to the various activities of the past students. Their presence and interest did much to span that gap of ten years when the school was closed, and, in fact, life in the school and among the past students, went on as if there had never been a break.

There were two deaths that summer that recalled the earlier days of the school. They were of Bro. Honorius, who had been on the teaching staff in the 1890s and died on May 28, and Fr Jules Botrel, the prime mover in the founding of the College when he was



*Past Students
Annual Dinner,
1931*

Provincial Superior, the man who chose Larkhill as the site of the College and organised the loans which made its purchase possible. He died on June 3, 1928 at the age of 83.

The first extant Minute-book of the Union Committee dates from September 1929 and has William P. Blunden down as President. At this meeting Mr Blunden was elected President for the next year with Arthur O'Reilly as Honorary Secretary.

In May 1930 it was decided to play a cricket match with the present pupils of the school on June 7 and to hold a Garden Party on June 15 in the Clydagh Hotel, Greystones, where a meat tea would be provided (3/-) and games of different kinds, clock-golf, tennis with prizes of cigarettes, chocolates and golf balls. 58 acceptances were received for the event which was a great success.

This was an era when the Smoking Concert was one of the main bastions of male chauvinism, like the golf club and rugby club. Smoking was still considered an unladylike practice, hence smoking concerts were out of bounds for ladies. They had the dual purpose of raising funds and of getting the members together in an atmosphere of congeniality and conviviality, whatever about the health hazard of the atmosphere, and binding them closer together. Two concerts were held in October and November 1930, where the members were entertained by artistes from their own number. The proceeds were not great but the profit in camaraderie was considerable. These smoking concerts continued up to 1933 when they became Social Evenings.

A successful Bridge Drive was organised by the wife of the Lord Mayor, Lorcan Sherlock, in May 1932 and realised over £200 and £100 of this was handed to Fr Michael Meagher for the African Missions, who suggested the money be used to open a St Mary's College Bourse for the upkeep of a clerical student for the period of his studies (£600 needed). An elaborately framed picture of The Little Flower was donated by the Lord Mayor for the same purpose.

In October 1932 the union decided that the rugby club could become affiliated to the union by payment of a fee of one guinea. This would entitle the club to a seat on the union executive committee and put it in line for a grant from the union. In return, the union would have a seat on the rugby club committee. The same arrangement was agreed for the cricket 'Optimists', provided they changed their name to St Mary's College Cricket Club. In the Minutes of February 7, 1933, it is noted that the applications and contributions had been received from both clubs and that grants of £10 each had been forwarded to them.

For some time during 1933 a proposal to amalgamate the three unions of Blackrock, Rockwell and St Mary's was discussed and a Draft Constitution was even submitted, but as we shall see in the next chapter it was a long drawn-out affair.

Following the success of the College's Team in the Schools Junior Cup in 1934 the union decided to entertain the team with an excursion to Glendalough. Union members provided the cars to transport the boys.

Annual Mass

November 4, 1928 was the occasion of the first Mass for deceased past students organised by the re-vitalised Past Students Union and the beginning of an annual commemoration that has lasted down through the years. In November 1933, newly ordained Fr Kevin Devenish, former prefect, said the Mass for the deceased past students and staff members, prior to setting out for the missions in East Africa where he was to become the Apostolic Vicar of Addis Ababa during the Second World War.

Turkey Drive

An annual whist drive with turkeys as the main prizes was held every year coming up to Christmas and was a useful money-spinner.

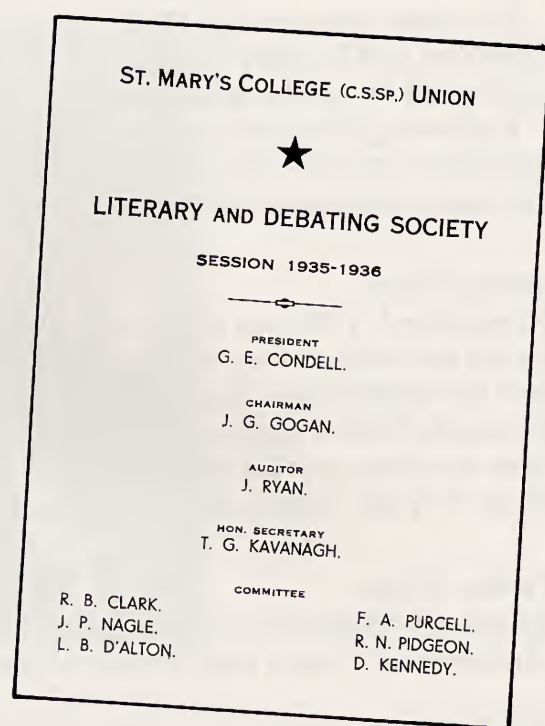
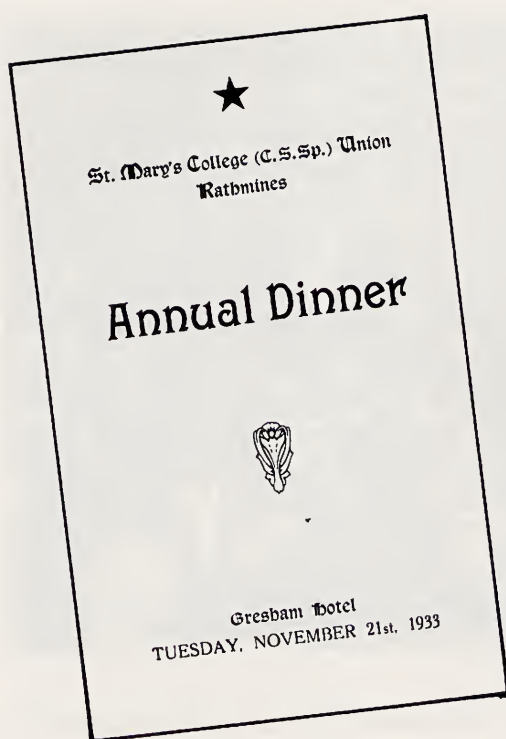
Annual Dinner

Although the first Union Dinner was held on April 19, 1928, and was generously reported in the daily press, the first notification of the holding of an Annual Dinner comes in the Minutes of the PPU Committee meeting held in the committee rooms at Harcourt St, on the 17th October, 1929. The provisional programme decided on for the coming year included the holding of the Annual Dinner on February 5, 1930. It would appear from the minutes that a dinner had been held the previous year at a loss of £10.16s.11d. For 1930, the estimate from the Gresham Hotel of 5/- per head, was accepted and the tickets priced at 7/6. Past student Joe Crofts, brother of actor/singer Gerald Crofts, was engaged as pianist for the evening for 10/-.

In November 1932 Fr Ernest Farrell was elected President of the Union and the activities of the union stepped up a gear. The AGM was reported widely in the press as was the Annual

*Past Students
Annual Dinner,
1933.
Among the guests at the
top table were
Bishop Shanahan, CSSp,
Dr. Crehan, CSSp,
Bishop Neville, CSSp,
Dr. E. Magennis,
and Fr. E. Farrell, CC,
Union President.*





Dinner in the Gresham with a summary of Very Rev Dr Harnett's address. The guests included the famous Bishop Shanahan of Southern Nigeria who resided in St Mary's for a time after his retirement from Africa, and the former Bishop of Zanzibar, Dr Neville CSSp. During his term of office Fr Farrell presented the union with a beautiful Chain of Office to be worn by future Presidents. It was of silver gilt with a medallion bearing the image of the crest of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, and on the obverse is inscribed the donor's name. It was first worn at this Annual Dinner and blessed by Bishop Neville.

In November 1933 the Annual Dinner took place in the Gresham Hotel, at which Dr J. B. Magennis was praised for having been honoured by the French Government with the medal of the Legion of Honour for his medical services during World War I.

Golfing Society

In 1930 the St Mary's Union Golfing Society had joined the Schools Union Golfing Society and took part in the Annual Competition in Woodbrook. In conjunction with that Inter-Schools competition, it was decided that the St Mary's members would compete for a prize being presented by the union president, William P. Blunden.

In 1934 St Mary's were second in the Inter-Schools golfing competition.

Literary & Dramatic Society

At the Annual General Meeting of the union held in the college on October 9, 1930, at which Dr Jim Magennis was elected President in succession to William Blunden, a motion to establish a Dramatic Society was moved and carried. The first meeting of the new society took place in February 1931 when the union committee resolved itself into the new society with the addition of Messrs F. Purcell and G. Condell. *Trilby* was decided on as the first production and when the Theatre Royal gave tempting offers of Saturday and Sunday afternoons, it was decided to accept dates for the autumn. However, things did not seem to run smoothly, because at the meeting in the following October it was moved that a Dramatic Society be formed headed by Jack O'Brien with Frank Purcell Snr., A.

A MEMORABLE SVENGALI

"TRILBY" BY ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PLAYERS

Svengali is a villain on a grand scale, and as such he was played by Dr. J. B. Magennis at the Abbey Theatre last night. From the dark "Ha! Ha!" of his entrance to his pictorial last moment, he was drama incarnated. That is the only way in which the part can be dealt with. It was a powerful performance and carried the whole play to success.

In choosing "Trilby" to present, the St. Mary's College Dramatic Society set themselves a severe task. Its period and melodramatic quality and the mixed nationalities of the characters all set problems for the producer—problems which an inexperienced Company could not be expected fully to overcome. Unevenness of style and accent were inevitable.

While Gerard Crofts played "The Laird" with complete naturalness, Martin Power set his "Gecko" to the gesture of a more rhetorical age, and Miss Kitty Burke's Trilby, over-acted at the beginning, was sincerely and charmingly played at the end. Miss Bernadette Plunkett was the one actress who maintained an even excellence. Throughout the play her Madame Vinard was true to life and to France.

Mr. J. C. O'Brien was the producer. He is to be congratulated on the good team work of the company, and on the settings. Particularly effective are the lighted windows of the church outside in the second act. But what in the world, one cannot help asking, was Trilby doing in the afternoon dress of an English house-parlour maid?

A large audience enjoyed the performance which, whatever its imperfections, was full of the proper atmosphere of drama and romance.

D. M.

"Trilby" at Abbey Theatre

In selecting "Trilby," the adaptation of Du Maurier's novel, as their first production after a lapse of about twenty years, the Dramatic Society attached to St. Mary's College Union set itself a very stiff task. The play, apart from the character of Svengali, is nothing, and that makes it all the more difficult to put across. But since last night's Svengali (Dr. J. B. Magennis) was packed with live melodramatic quality—there were times when one could almost see fire leaping from his eyes; and the disposition of his arms was always fully attuned to voice and situation, not to mention the villainous jet black locks and the malevolent beard jutting out at an angle of forty-five degrees—it follows that the night was highly successful. True, Trilby as presented by Miss Kitty Burke was a trifle milk-and-waterish, and there were characters who might have been tuning voice and movement to the strokes of a metronome, but Svengali is the play and does not imply any slight to the very successful efforts of Mr. Gerard Crofts as the Laird, Miss Bernadette Plunkett as Madame Vinard and Mr. J. G. Gogan as the Rev. Mr. Bagot.

E. O'Brien, P. J. Hayden, W. Fanagan and Charlie Spadaccini, to produce theatricals for the union. At that same meeting a Literary and Debating Society was formed with Frank Purcell, Gerry Condell, John Gogan, P. J. Nugent, Gerry Cox and Denis Coveney, to organise debates. Fortunately, by December 1931 better sense prevailed and a halt was called to this proliferation of committees and the two societies were amalgamated as the St Mary's College Literary and Dramatic Society.

In April 1932 the re-vitalised St Mary's Past Students Literary and Dramatic Society produced the play *Trilby* in the Abbey Theatre. This was an adaptation of the Du Maurier novel in which Dr Jim Magennis had scored such a hit in the days before World War I, when as we have seen earlier, there was such a flourishing group of gifted amateur actors from the college treading the boards in Dublin. The play was produced by Jack O'Brien who was the Elocutionist in the school from 1931-34 as well as in pre-closure days, and had produced the play when it was presented in the Theatre Royal in 1916 in aid of the Holy Ghost Missions. Many of the original cast repeated their success of sixteen years before. Dr Jim Magennis was again the Svengali and well supported by Frank Purcell Sr., Gerald Crofts, Leo McCabe, John G. Gogan, Lorcan. C. Gogan and Arthur Spadaccini. Among the female players were Bernadette Plunkett, one of the leading actresses of the

time and lady announcer on Radio Éireann, Josie Deegan, Kitty Burke, Lucy Walsh and Bridie Power. The press notices of the production were laudatory.

In May of the following year, 1933, three farces were produced in the Abbey Theatre, *Flatiron Flynn* by Thomas King Moylan, *Shall We Join The Ladies?* by J. M. Barrie, and *Gringoire the Ballad Monger* by Arthur Shirley. Along with most of those who had appeared in *Trilby* the previous year were some of the more recent past pupils like Gerry Cox, Matt and P. J. Collison, as well as Jimmy O'Dea's sister, Rita.

In February 1934 the Past Pupils Union Dramatic Society presented *The Passing of the Third Floor Back* in the college hall in aid of the missions. This comedy by the humorous writer, Jerome K. Jerome, set in a boarding-house, was produced by Frank Purcell, Snr.

The Rugby Club

We have already seen the contribution made by the Old St Mary's Club to the game of rugby in Leinster from 1900 to 1916, and the fine reputation won by the club for the quality of the football they played and the sportsmanship they showed. During the time that the club was in abeyance after the closure of the college in 1916, that reputation was maintained by a number of outstanding players who were good enough to represent their province and even their country, although they did so wearing the colours of other clubs. Quite a number of ex-St Mary's players joined Bective Rangers, and three in particular did their Alma Mater proud as we have seen.

Within a few years of the re-opening, a trickle of past students began, and it became possible to think of re-activating the club. True, by this time the playing days of the pre-1916 Old Boys were over, but they retained their interest in the college and were prepared to rally round and give what help they could to the revival of the club.

The following is taken from an article in the 1975 St Mary's College Annual, which celebrated the club's 75th Anniversary:

"A very vigorous band of alickadoos from the pre-1916 club were still around and the new Old Boys were at hand, so a fusion of old and new was possible. The catalyst proved to be Commandant Gerry S. Cox, then a freshman in UCD. Undaunted by the fact that only twenty-five potential players were available, he approached Fr Ernest Farrell, then a curate in Aughrim St.

"To Fr Farrell, where the interests of St Mary's were concerned, no obstacle was too big, no effort too great. The club revival was underway within hours of his meeting with Gerry Cox. He gathered a task force consisting of Jimmy Ganter, Paddy Branagan, John G. Gogan, F. A. Purcell, W. Fanagan, A. E. O'Brien and N. F. Power. Within a fortnight this sextet had a ground – a rented pitch located in Mrs Doherty's poultry farm at Kimmage Grove, behind Kimmage Manor, an area now submerged under College Park Estate. Their search for a pavilion led them to a builder's yard in Sandymount. A spacious timber shed was bought for £50 and brought to Kimmage Grove. The internal reconstruction was done by the members under the direction of Nicky Power.

A stream flowed at the rear of the pavilion, a tributary of the nearby Poddle river, and during the first two seasons, the players, plentifully supplied with aluminium basins, had their 'shower'. Then water was laid on and an annexe built, which housed the shower room and the boiler. Located at the back of the pavilion, it provided the structure with support and helped maintain it in an upright position. There was no shortage of seats

as the holding of the Eucharistic Congress earlier in the summer had resulted in a plentiful supply of folding benches.

The immediate needs secured, it was necessary to establish management, finance and match committees. These were manned and supported mainly from the pre-1916 members. They were joined by F. R. Doherty, Lorcan Gogan, Dr J. F. O'Grady, V. E. Becker and others. The college also played an important role. The front field was at the disposal of the club for training. The college hall was available for countless concerts, whist drives and meetings, while from the community itself the team was provided with first class players from among the prefects.

One of the most outstanding prefects to play for the club was Joe Whelan, later to become Bishop of Owerri, Nigeria. His contribution to the club both on and off the field was immense. He led the club into the Junior League and was held in great respect by the team and the alickadoos. The happy relationship that grew between the old and new members was due in no small measure to his influence."

The rebirth of the club is generally taken to be September 8, 1932. Paddy Branagan was elected first captain of the club. Application was made for admittance to the Leinster Branch of the IRFU and accepted. However, at that date it was too late to enter the various League competitions for 1932-33, whose fixture lists were already completed, but the club was admitted to the Metropolitan Cup which was not due to begin until after Christmas, and the draw for it had not yet been made. Friendly fixtures were arranged with junior sides during the season. A quick exit was made from the Cup with a first round defeat by Railway Union, who were a far greater power in junior rugby in those days of private railway companies than they are today.

1933-34 was the first full season in competition and Mr Joe Whelan, who had just arrived in St Mary's as a prefect, was elected Captain for that year. A Seconds team contested the Minor League and Cup. A Present XV, bolstered with prefects, defeated a Past XV on



*Fr Ernest Farrell and
Dr Richard Harnett on
Union Day, 1934,
examining the Leinster
Schools Junior Cup won
that year.*

October 23, and, to show it was no fluke, did it again on December 26. An interesting fixture in the friendly season was with Shannon Buccaneers in Athlone.

In May 1934 the Rugby Club presented a concert in the college to raise funds to improve facilities in Kimmage Grove. A drill display by the pupils was featured as well as musical items by a variety of artistes, male and female, and a humorous sketch which featured the Frank Purcells, senior and junior.

Union Day

A noteworthy union event in that period was the first Union Day, which took place on June 17, 1934 in the college grounds and was widely reported in the press with photographs. It was the first of a long line of very successful occasions when the Past Pupils Union played host to the boys, their families and the families of the Union members. It was a fun day and a family day, with sports and games for all the family, intended to bind the past with the present, the parents and families with one another, and in this way help spread around the spirit that is uniquely St Mary's. The event fell into abeyance for a number of years, but happily it is once again one of the red-letter days in the union calendar.

Chapter Twelve

1934-1945



President
Very Rev. Fr Peter Walsh

REVEREND FATHERS

Joseph Gilmore – Dean, Junior School (1934-51)
Dr Joseph Whelan – Dean of Studies (1939-42)
Patrick Murray – Dean of Studies (1942-53)
Dr David Heelan – Dean of Discipline (1934-35)
Michael Sexton – Dean of Discipline (1935-36)
John Nealon – Dean of Discipline (1936-38)
Thomas O'Sullivan – Dean of Discipline (1938-40)
Fred Fullen – Dean of Discipline (1940-45) – Bursar (1945-51)
Austin Seagrave – Dean of Discipline (1945-49)
James Dowling – Bursar (1934-45)
Dr James C. O'Neill – Professor (1934-45)
Walter Kennedy – Professor (1942-72)
John Branagan – Professor (Oct-Dec 1943)
John Cassin – Professor (Jan-June 1944)
Francis Barry – Professor (1944-88)
Gerard Healy – Professor (Jan-May 1945)

REVEREND BROTHERS

Kilian Milligan – Professor (1934-35)
Benedict Tobin – Professor (1935-43)

REVEREND PREFECTS

Messrs Gerald Foley
John C. Quin
George Lahiffe
Robert Madigan
Francis C. Barry
Paul Cunningham
Thomas Reynolds
Michael Troy
Cornelius O'Flaherty
William A. Maher

James Kavanagh
J. Doyle
William O'Meara
Michael Frawley
Patrick Cremins
Richard Lehane
Ivan Galt
Arthur Lai-Fook
William Walsh
Sean Fahy.

Edward Holmes
Patrick Murray
John Hourigan
John C. O'Connor
Christopher Rooney
Francis McMahon
Patrick Townsend
Brian O'Connor
Thomas Mahon

LAY PROFESSORS

Mr John Gallagher (1926-57)
Mr John Nagle (1927-62)
Mr Arthur Barrett (1928-62)
Mr Flood – Drill Master (1926-36)
Mr Goddard – Drill Master (1936-45)
Miss Medlar – Dancing
Mr John C. O'Brien – Elocution

H.DIP. CANDIDATES

Rev. W. Murphy, C.S.S.R.
F. Duffy
J. Dore
C. Comerford
John Prendiville
Bro. Isidore Dempsey
K. Young
V. Kelly
Bro. P. Byrne
Rev. B. O'Connor

T. Sheehy
F. Henry
C. Fennelly
M. Coffey
Bro. Austin McCumiskey
Bro. Gerald McTiernan
M. O'Connell
J. Kilty
Bro. Doyle
Rev. W. Maher

J. Kennedy
C. Murphy
Rev. Terence Mulloy
James Donnelly
Patrick Brett
M. O'Domhnall
M. O'Meara
M. Brennan
Philip McCabe
Rev. F. Barry.

COMMUNITY

Michael Sexton – Retired (1938-41+)
Hugh M. G. Evans – Retired (1937-43+)
Michael Meagher – Holy Childhood (1926-46+)
Richard Harnett – Retreats, Missions (1934-39)
John Stafford – Provincial Bursar (1934-37+)
Denis Joy – Retreats, Missions
Edward Cleary – Retreats, Missions
Phil O'Connor – Retreats, Missions

THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland severed its physical connection with the college in 1934. For seventeen years, St Mary's College had been the administrative headquarters of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers and the residence of the Provincial Superior and his staff. For the past seven years, the Provincial was also president of the school. In 1934, Very Rev Dr Richard Harnett was replaced as Provincial by Very Rev Dr Daniel Murphy, former Dean of Studies in Rockwell College, where he had gained a formidable reputation for excellence in studies. Dr Murphy decided to take up residence with most of his staff in Kimmage Manor, where the building of a new senior scholasticate was about to begin. Only the Provincial Procurator, Fr John Stafford, remained on in St Mary's, till his death in 1937. The new President of St Mary's was Rev Fr Peter Walsh.

Fr Peter Walsh

Fr Walsh was born in Claremorris, county Mayo, in 1886 and did his secondary studies in Blackrock College, after which he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers, doing his novitiate, philosophy and theology studies in France where he was ordained in 1916. His first appointment was to St Mary's College, Trinidad, West Indies, where he taught until 1932. On his return to Ireland in that year he was appointed to the staff of Rockwell. Two years later he was transferred to St Mary's as President and Dean of Studies. For eleven years he guided the college, developing and stimulating the entire academic programme with its courses and examinations, its debating and dramatic societies, and the past students union in all its activities. In 1941 he undertook the first major building project since the school first opened fifty years earlier. When he was replaced as president in 1945 by Fr Thomas Maguire he stayed on as vice-president, a post he filled under three presidents until 1960. In that year he retired from active teaching, but his interest and enthusiasm never flagged. His eyesight began to fail him in his final years, but perhaps his greatest cross was the fact that he was no longer personally involved in all the minutiae of college life going on all round him. He died, fully conscious, on September 8, Our Lady's and the college's official birthday, in 1966.

In February 1937 Fr John Stafford, Provincial Bursar for the Holy Ghost Fathers and resident in St Mary's since 1917, collapsed when preparing to go to Lansdowne Road to watch Ireland play Scotland and was brought to the Mater Hospital where he died a week later of Bright's disease. The funeral in Blackrock College was attended by De Valera and William Cosgrave.

In January 1939 came the death of Dr Crehan, the second president of St Mary's from 1900 to 1904.

Bishop J. B. Whelan

The year 1939-40 is memorable for the fact that the former prefect, Mr Joseph Whelan, returned as Rev. Dr J. B. Whelan, having obtained ordination and a Doctorate in Divinity in Rome. He was appointed Dean of Studies and breathed new life into the college with his dynamic leadership and winning personality. To him must be credited many innovative ideas which helped propel the school on a progressive path in educational matters. Dr Whelan's standing with the past students since his days as captain of the rugby club, and in particular with Fr Ernest Farrell, the *eminence grise* behind all the activities of the School and the union, as well as the intrinsic merit of his ideas, ensured him the fullest support, while the force of his personality endeared him to the students. If for no other reason, Dr Whelan will be remembered for the impetus he gave to the study of the Irish language in the school during his three years as Dean of Studies. He himself went to the Gaeltacht every



*Bishop Joseph Whelan, CSSp, DD
Prefect in St Mary's 1933-35
Dean of Studies 1939-1942
Bishop of Owerri 1950-1970*



*Bishop Joseph Whelan standing outside Owerri Cathedral
after the Consecration of the Cathedral in 1978.*

summer to improve his own fluency and throughout his life continued to use it on every suitable occasion. He started an Irish Debating Society in the College which flourished for many years, first under Dr Whelan himself, and then under his successor, Fr Murray. In this as in so many other areas, his enthusiasm was infectious and spilled over into the usually rather cynical young. It was he who introduced the Legion of Mary into the school in October 1939, when Frank Duff, the founder of the world-wide movement and a past pupil of Blackrock College, came to inaugurate the first Praesidium in the college. It was he who started the boy scouts in the college in 1941 and asked Mr Frank Purcell, Jr, to be the first Scoutmaster. After three years in St Mary's, Dr Whelan went to Rockwell and after a short sojourn there was sent on the missions, where like all Holy Ghost Fathers his heart had been set. Nigeria was the field to which he was sent and he became Director of the Senior Seminary in Okpala, responsible for the training of young Nigerians aspiring to the Priesthood.

After five years at this task, he was selected to become the first Vicar Apostolic of Owerri, the Southern part of the Vicariate of Onitsha, when that populous ecclesiastical territory was deemed ripe for division. He was ordained Titular Bishop of Tiddi in 1948 and two years later, when the hierarchy was established in Nigeria and the vicariates were raised to the status of dioceses, he became Bishop of Owerri, a territory about a third the size of Ireland, with a population of about three million, about 200,000 of whom were Catholics, mainly of the Ibo tribe. For sixteen years, the church in Owerri diocese under Bishop Whelan experienced unprecedented development, not just in the number of baptized, but in the number of parishes established, churches built, primary and secondary schools and teacher training colleges, for both boys and girls, constructed and staffed, vocations to the priesthood and religious life fostered, with every incentive and support of christian life provided. By the time the country was engulfed in the civil war of 1966-69, the number of catholics in the diocese had increased by 300% and there were almost enough Nigerian priests to staff the pastoral works of the diocese. Even if all the expatriate priests had to leave, the basic work of the church could have continued without a hitch. Only in the area of education and, perhaps, administration, would there

have been lacunae, and these could have been quickly filled by competent laymen. That development had been providential, because, at the end of the internecine war, Bishop Whelan and his expatriate missionaries were declared *personae non gratae*, imprisoned and deported, leaving the administration of the diocese in the hands of one of the young men Bishop Whelan himself had trained in Okpala in the years 1943-48, Bishop Mark Unegbu, whose Nigerian clergy continue to grow yearly in numbers. Eastern Nigeria can boast today the largest senior seminary in the world, a title once worn by Maynooth College. Associated with Bishop Whelan in this work in Nigeria over the years was a large number of past students as well as past prefects and past staff of St Mary's, including Fr Tom Reynolds, tragically killed in a motor-cycle accident the very day of Bishop Whelan's Episcopal Ordination, Fr Gerry Healy, Fr Frank Leahy, Fr Willie Maher, Fr Tom Byrne, Fr Cothraigh Gogan, Fr Gerry Gogan, Fr Tom Maguire, Fr Raymond Kennedy, Fr Tony Geoghegan, Fr Colm Murray, Fr Brian Gogan, Fr Savigno Agnoli, all past pupils; Fr Fred Fullen, former Dean and Bursar, Fr Austin Seagrave, Fr E. Darcy, Fr D. Curtin, all members of the staff; Fr Jack Quin, Fr George Lahiffe, Fr Mike Frawley, Fr Frank McMahon, Fr Dick Lehane, Fr Pat Townsend, Fr Vinnie O'Connell, Fr Mick Reynolds, all past prefects.

On his expulsion from Nigeria, Bishop Whelan retired from the missions and began a most fruitful apostolate giving Retreats to clergy and religious all round the country, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation and lecturing on spiritual matters wherever called upon. Only failing health interrupted the exercise of his unfailing zeal. A few years ago he began to suffer from angina and the doctors advised him to cut back on all his activities, even on the gardening which was the one hobby he permitted himself from his later years in Nigeria. The cultivation of roses was his one joy. Some remission of the angina allowed him to return to this hobby, but all too soon the cancer from which he was to die began to manifest itself and for most of the last year of his life he was in daily stress and pain, while never losing his good humour and peace of soul and the gratitude for favours that characterised him at all times. On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother, 1990 he died. He would appreciate that. He was in his 81st year.

Other notable events in the first term of that 1939-40 year were the Silver Jubilee of Fr Sexton's Ordination on September 12, and Fr Hugh Evans' 80th birthday on October 7, followed three weeks after by the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination which was attended by two bishops, the Provincial and the superiors of the five Holy Ghost Houses in Ireland. Later in the year were recorded the deaths of Fr John Kingston, a regular on the staff in pre-closure days and the author of *The Ideal Book of Poetry*, used for many years in schools throughout Ireland, and Archbishop Byrne of Dublin, a key figure in the campaign to re-open the college in 1926.

In 1943 Bro Benedict Tobin, after eight years in St Mary's where he had made himself virtually indispensable in the bookshop and library, but even more so in the staging and production of plays and concerts, was transferred to Rockwell in September. A few months later Fr Hugh Evans, who was the only living member of the original staff of St Mary's when it first opened its doors in September 1890, became gravely ill and, such was his fame, that an endless procession of people from everywhere came to see him before he died. He died two days before Christmas 1943 and the funeral took place in Blackrock College. Two days later, on Christmas Day itself, Bishop Joseph Shanahan of Nigeria, who had lived in St Mary's for some time after his retirement from Africa and was a faithful supporter of any events that took place in the college, particularly those associated with helping the missions, died aged 72, bringing to an earthly end the life of one of the brightest stars in the church's missionary firmament.

In April 1945, Fr Austin Seagrave replaced Fr Fred Fullen as Dean of Discipline.



The Junior School became a separate entity in 1934 with its own Dean, Fr Joseph Gilmore.

*Seated (4th from left):
J. C. O'Connor;
R. Madigan;
Bro. Benedict;
Fr Gilmore;
G. Lahiffe;
P. Cremin.*

Fr James Dowling long-time Bursar in the college became gravely ill and Fr Fullen replaced him.

RE-ORGANISATION

1934 saw the greatest internal reorganisation of the school in its history in the division of the school into Senior and Junior Schools. The Junior School comprised boys from the ages of eight to twelve, in four classes, Junior 1 to Junior 4, with its own Dean, and separate from the Senior School in everything – curriculum, time-table, discipline, games and extra-curricular activities. The Junior School occupied the four classrooms off the assembly hall. At the same time, everything in the Junior School was geared to the Senior School, as indeed, it is to this day, and the intention was, and still is, that the senior class of the Junior School form the junior class in the Senior School, prepared in every way for the educational and every other activity in the Senior School.

The Senior School comprised six classes, 1st year to 6th year, with ages ranging from twelve to eighteen. They occupied the six classrooms which today form the front of the Junior School. It was a small school and remained a small school until after World War II.

ACADEMICS

St Mary's became an Examination Centre for the Intermediate and Leaving Certificates in the summer of 1935. Hitherto the Rathmines Technical School (now the College of Commerce) had been the Centre for the Rathmines area, but that year there were general elections and the Tech was used as a polling centre.

Another innovation that year was regular religious instruction every Saturday morning, followed by Benediction for the whole school in the college chapel, a practice which continued until Saturday class was abolished by the Department of Education. Five boys did the Leaving that year, three gaining honours; seven did the Inter, five gaining honours.



The Senior School, 1940



The Junior School, 1940

There were 153 boys in the school at the start of the 1934-35 academic year, and 180 at the start of 1935-36. A feature of the latter year was the establishment of a Lending Library in the college, from which boys could take home books to read. Bro. Benedict Tobin, who had come to St Mary's from Rockwell College as school secretary and Junior School teacher, was in charge of the Library, which helped to introduce many to the lasting joys of reading.

With 23 candidates for the examinations St Mary's gained a centre in its own right, and from then on public examinations were held in the college every year. 9 of the 10 presented passed the Leaving, while 9 of the 13 who sat the Inter passed, six with honours.

There were 187 in the school in the year 1937-38. Frank Barry made his first appearance in the school the following year when he came as a prefect and started teaching French and cricket, a task he was to continue for the next fifty years – with just a short four-year break for theology and ordination. In 1939-40 the number on the roll topped the 200 mark for the first time in the school's history. There were 103 in the senior school and 116 in the junior, when school began that year on September 1, 1939. World War II began on September 3!

The following are the tabulated results of the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate examinations:

Leaving Certificate

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons.</i>	<i>Pass</i>
1935	6	3 (50%)	2 (83%)
1936	10	2 (20%)	7 (90%)
1937	10	8 (80%)	2 (100%)
1938	9	6 (66%)	2 (88%)
1939	10	6 (60%)	– (60%)
1940	12	4 (33%)	7 (91%)
1941	7	6 (85%)	1 (100%)
1942	11	3 (27%)	4 (63%)
1943	16	5 (31%)	9 (85%)
1944	18	2 (14%)	4 (66%)
1945	14	4 (27%)	6 (71%)

Intermediate Certificate

1935	18	5 (27%)	2 (37%)
1936	14	6 (44%)	3 (64%)
1937	13	5 (38%)	5 (76%)
1938	13	2 (15%)	6 (61%)
1939	12	6 (50%)	3 (66%)
1940	15	6 (40%)	7 (86%)
1941	18	14 (77%)	3 (88%)
1942	22	10 (45%)	9 (86%)
1943	21	9 (43%)	9 (85%)
1944	29	15 (51%)	6 (66%)
1945	26	12 (46%)	3 (57%)

The impetus to the teaching of Irish given by Dr Joe Whelan and continued by his successor as dean, Fr Murray, has already been noted. A practical expression of this

concern was shown in 1943 when a course in Irish was organised to run for two weeks during the summer holidays for boys from 1st, 2nd and 3rd years who wished to improve their written and oral command of the native language. Fr Murray, Fr Seagrave and Mr McCabe were in charge. The fee was 7/6 and 44 attended while 40 attended the following year when a native speaker, Mr O'Sullivan, joined Fr Seagrave and Mr McCabe in looking after it.

In 1943-44 one change in the curriculum was the offering of commerce as an alternative subject to French in 5th and 6th years.

DEVELOPMENT

16 did the Leaving in 1943 and 21 did the Inter. With the outbreak of World War II, many Irish children were shipped back to Ireland from abroad for the duration, and the number who came to St Mary's brought the roll up to 280 by the end of the year. With the prospect of even more the following year because of the London blitz, serious thought had to be given to expansion in order to provide for the expected influx. As early as December 1938, a plan had been considered to extend the college buildings, but it was the sudden increase of pupils at the beginning of the war that made it urgent. In October 1940, a house became vacant in Ardee Road and the College Council considered buying it as an alternative to costly building, but this was abandoned and in December 1940, out of five plans submitted by Robinson & Keeffe, architects, one of a block of 11 classrooms with a chapel upstairs was chosen at first and then revised to omit the chapel. It was thought that the existing chapel would suffice for the time being. However, the Provincial Council, after reviewing the plan, decided that a separate college chapel should be incorporated in any new plan, and so, a new plan was drawn up, including a chapel (where the present chapel was eventually built) and an L-shaped block of eleven classrooms joined to it, as it is at present. It was also decided that the new building would not be attached to the old. It was to be a single-storey building with walls capable of taking a second storey in the future. Work began in the



*St Mary's College, 1942
New Senior School extension to left of house. This extension of an 11 classroom block
became the ground floor of the 1953 extension.*

Summer of 1941 and the new building, minus the chapel, which was once more deferred, was ready to accommodate the senior school in September 1941. It corresponded to the ground floor of the senior school as it was before the recent alterations. All the senior school classes from 2nd year up were accommodated in this new building, with 1st year A and B in two of the rooms off the assembly hall.

By 1944-45 the senior school was double stream in the lower classes, and by the end of the decade, the entire school was double stream.

One other effect of the war was in the daily time-table. Because of the shortage of gas, which was severely rationed, thus bringing into existence the 'Glimmer Men' who went about ensuring that people were not using surreptitiously the glimmer of gas which remained in the pipes even when the gas was officially turned off. Since meals had to be cooked when the gas was on, it was decided to close the school every day from 12.30 to 2 p.m. to allow boys and staff return home for their dinners when gas was available. School resumed at 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. for the senior school and 3.30 p.m. for the juniors, an arrangement which continued until rationing ended.

The first permanent addition to the Lay Staff since 1929, when Mr Arthur Barrett joined Mr John Gallagher and Mr Michael Nagle, came when Mr Philip McCabe was appointed in September 1942.

THE LEGION OF MARY

It was Bishop Joseph B. Whelan who introduced the Legion of Mary into the college in 1939 when he was Dean of Studies. The inaugural meeting on October 16 was attended by the founder of the Legion, Mr Frank Duff, and two members from the Senior Praesidium attached to Rathmines parish church, Bro. Crowley and Bro Gaffney. The School Praesidium was named Stella Maris Intermediate Praesidium and intended for boys in the 5th and 6th years. Bishop Whelan was the first Spiritual Director and recited the opening prayers. Frank Duff addressed the assembled members and explained the aims and objects of the Movement and gave an insight into its working and made suggestions as to the type of work that might be undertaken by the members. The first officers elected were Russell Murphy, president, Sean O'Byrne, hon. sec. and Brendan O'Sullivan, hon. treas. Bro. Gaffney was introduced as the Senior Brother who would attend all meetings as Legion Guide and Counsellor.

Meetings were held that first year on Sunday mornings. The membership was made up of eleven from 6th year and four from 5th year. The works undertaken were sacristy work in the college chapel, sale of CTS pamphlets in the school, collection of used stamps for the missions, teaching of Mass Serving to the younger boys, helping to organise the Child of Mary Sodality. Finding suitable interesting work was a continuing problem. The importance of a school praesidium lay in its familiarising boys with the movement and imbuing them with its spirit so that after school they would wish to continue the work. The basic approach of the Legion is personal contact, which presupposes a maturity and self-possession that will not be found in schoolboys as a rule. If this is true, the school praesidium in St Mary's was successful because within two years a Senior Praesidium was formed from among the past students who had been in the Legion at school. It was called Stella Maris Senior Praesidium and the work undertaken was in the Morning Star Hostel for the homeless, a book barrow on Rathmines Road, house-to-house visitation, and later on, Mount St Boys Club.

Both praesidia continued to flourish and when a new work, a Boys Club attached to Rathgar Church, was offered to the Senior Praesidium, it was decided to split and form another. Thus, Virgin Most Pure Senior Praesidium was founded in 1953 for that particular work, to which was added sessions with the book barrow on Rathmines Road.



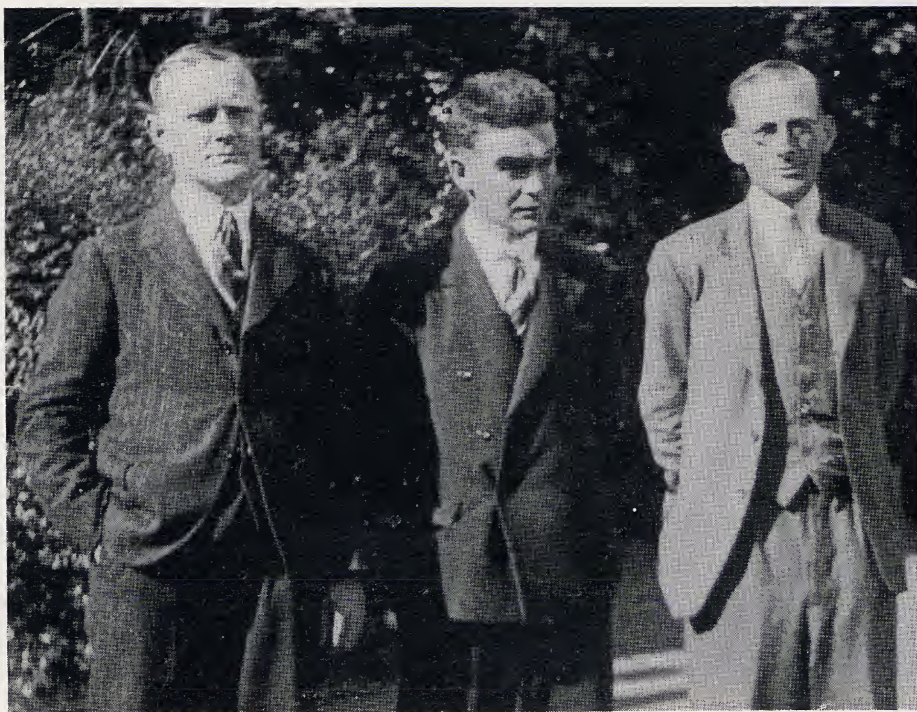
*Inaugural Praesidium of
Legion of Mary, 1939*

Back: D. Hughes;
D. Holmes; R. Blake;
S. O'Byrne.
Centre: V. Stubbs;
P. Byrne; P. Collins;
A. Lalor; E. O'Kelly.
Front: W. Maher;
B. O'Sullivan;
R. Murphy;
Dr J. Whelan, CSSp;
E. Redmond; P. Kelly;
J. Carson.

In 1955 St Luke's Hospital in Highfield Road became available for visitation and again it was decided to divide up and form a third praesidium for this work. This increased senior activity had its effect on the school praesidium which was now guided by one of the senior members, who did much recruiting among them. The Legion flourished in the school to the extent that it was decided to split into two, and thus Virgin Most Pure Intermediate Praesidium was formed in 1956. The principal work here was visitation of the National Children's Hospital in Harcourt St, for which the members collected toys and comics from the boys. The members also helped to organise the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in the school.

In 1960, the Legion of Mary attached to St Mary's celebrated its 21st birthday. Over the years the membership had fluctuated. For a short while, the two intermediate praesidia had to amalgamate in order to survive, but intensive recruiting solved the problem. The senior praesidia were constantly looking for new members in order to spread the work-load, which was particularly heavy both in the boys clubs and house-to-house visitation. Somehow, and particularly through the hard work of the dedicated members, they managed to survive with the yearly influx from the school.

Misconceptions on the part of clergy and laity during and after the Second Vatican Council, which led to a downgrading of popular devotion to Our Blessed Mother, as well as the jettisoning of many of the supports to daily christian living which had stood the Irish people in particular in good stead over the years, like the rosary, benediction and various sodalities, had an equally deleterious effect on recruitment to the Legion of Mary. Added to this was the lack of attractive, stimulating work for the student praesidia. Membership dwindled and finally fell off to nothing. The College Annual of 1971 is the last in which mention is made of the Legion of Mary in St Mary's College. In 1970 the two intermediate praesidia had amalgamated in order to survive but by 1971 there were only four members in the school praesidium and an organisation that had been for over thirty years a shining beacon in the life of the college, came to an end. But who knows? Perhaps some day in the future, the Blessed Patroness of the college may still find occasion to revive in a school in the city of its birth a movement which has brought nothing but lustre to her name.



Long-Serving Teachers

John Nagle (1927-62)

John Gallagher (1926-57)

Arthur Barrett (1928-62)

SCHOOL DRAMATICS

Christmas 1934 was the occasion of the annual entertainment, which that year consisted of two plays, *The Crimson Coconut*, described as 'an absurdity', and *The Star of Christ*, a nativity play with Paddy Delaney as the Archangel Gabriel, Jack Crean as Our Lady, Jack O'Connell as St Joseph and Ivor Hooper as Herod.

The following year it was *Snobs*, a one-act comedy, and *Tarsicius*, the story of the boy-saint of the catacombs. The latter production was notable for the first appearance on the stage of Dermot Walsh who was a leading actor throughout his schooldays, joined the Longford Players at the Gate Theatre after leaving school and made quite a considerable name for himself on the English stage and on the screen. He first appeared on the screen in 1948 in the lead in *Hungry Hill*, which featured a number of distinguished Abbey actors, F. J. McCormick, Eileen Crowe, Arthur Sinclair, Siobhan McKenna and Dan O'Herlihy, and for the following fifteen years appeared regularly on the British screen and stage, and appeared in a television serial as Richard the Lionheart in 1962.

1936 saw a return to the practice of an entertainment on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes at the end of the academic year. On May 27, the Distribution of Prizes was preceded by a concert of songs, sea shanties, recitation (by Cyril Byrne) and Sea Scout Drill. After the Distribution there was a recitation by Dermot Walsh and a sketch about pirates called *An Island of Sea Dreams*. The Christmas entertainment that year was a very full programme with a two-act play called *The Four Counsels* set in ancient Ireland, followed by six concert items by the Junior School, three recitations and three choruses, rounded off with a one-act comedy concerning a poacher and a parish priest, played by Michael Coffey and Jerome O'Sullivan respectively.

The Bishop's Candlesticks was the play presented at the annual Distribution of prizes in May 1937, while at Christmas, they were content with a one-act tragedy, *Watchers for the Dawn* and a one-act comedy *The Coiners*. A much more ambitious undertaking was the operetta presented in May 1938, *William Tell*, with Cyril Byrne playing the eponymous hero. This was preceded by the Junior School production of Padraic Pearse's *Íosagán*.

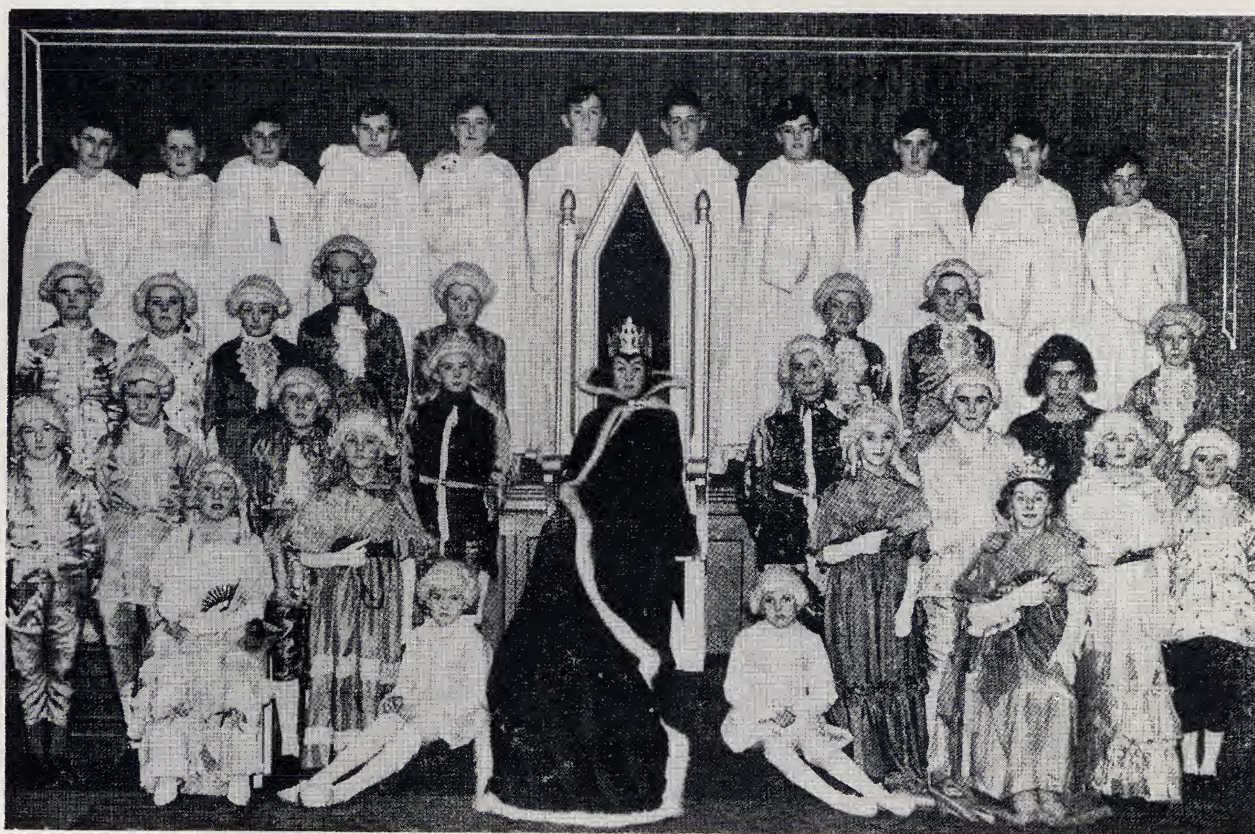
The interval between the plays was filled by Irish dancers, one of whom was Tom Maguire, and the presentation of the Holy Childhood Cups for rugby and cricket in the Junior School by the Director of the Holy Childhood, Fr Michael Meagher, CSSp. The entertainment was in aid of the Holy Childhood. The Sherlock Holmes mystery, *The Speckled Band* was the choice for the Christmas show in 1938 with Jock Harbison playing the famous detective and Sean O'Byrne as his assistant, Dr Watson.

For their summer presentation, the junior school tackled the operetta, *Pearl, the Fishermayden*, with Jacko Sullivan, Reggie Redmond, Cyril Byrne and Dermot Walsh taking leading parts. Dr Douglas Hyde's one-act play, *Maistin an Bheurla* was the pipe-opener and Irish Step-Dancing filled the interval. Again there was a performance in aid of the Holy Childhood.

The Christmas production of the Senior School in 1939 was a detective thriller called *Grumpy*, with good notices in the press for Jim McKay, Dermot Walsh, Cyril Byrne, Bernard O'Kelly and Reggie Redmond. But the palm (or should one say Oscar?) for the production of the decade must surely go to *Snow-white and the Seven Dwarfs*. Costumes, scenery, acting, singing, dancing, orchestra (under Michael Lynch, pre-1916 past student) were all superlative and a credit to Fr Gilmore and Bro. Benedict, the co-producers, and their wonderful, enthusiastic helpers. It set a new standard for all future productions, which we are delighted to say has been maintained to this day.

In 1941 it was *H.M.S. Ambassador* with Jacko Sullivan (later eminent surgeon in the Mater Hospital) as the First Lord of the Admiralty. The musical was followed by an Irish translation of *The Monkey's Paw*, which was produced by Dr Joe Whelan. The Christmas offering that year was *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, produced by Fr Paddy Murray.

In September 1941, the first college scout troop was inaugurated with Frank Purcell, Jun. as scoutmaster. Frank was a past pupil, as was his father before him. Frank Senior had been one of the shining lights of both the college and past pupils dramatic scene, and



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 1940

DRAMATIC SOCIETY 1939-40.

"GRUMPY"

By HORACE HODGES AND T. WIGNEY PERCYVAL.



CAST OF CHARACTERS :

MR. BULLIVANT.....J. McKAY.	ERNEST HERON (grand-nephew).....R. MURPHY.
RUDDOCK (valet).....J. SULLIVAN.	MR. JARVIS.....D. WALSH.
MR. VALENTINE WOLFE.....B. O'KELLY.	DR. MACLAREN.....S. O'BYRNE.
KEBLE.....R. O'CONNOR.	MERRIDEW (butler).....A. WALSH.
VIRGINIA (Bullivant's grand-daughter)	MRS. MACLAREN.....A. McGLOUGHLIN.
R. REDMOND.	SUSAN .....C. BYRNE.

bréiḡ-ríoḡt Apollo

AN FHUIREANN.

Pádraig O Domhnaill, (duine uasal, tuaithe)	Master C. Gogan
Cathal O Néill, (a oncail).....	Master F. Ryan
Eoghan O Máille, (a dháileamh)	Master A. McGloughlin
Diarmuid O Brian, (gasóg).....	Master P. Wilson
Colum Crofts, (gasóg).....	Master F. McQuirke
Caoimhin O Lionsigh, (feadhmannach)	Master J. Fanagan
Gasóga :	
F. McQuirke, B. Dodd, R. Murray, J. Doolan, T. Schwarz, G. Fearon, M. Lavelle, K. Gallagher, U. O'Connor, P. Bermingham, C. Cairns, J. Drumm, L. Delaney, J. Hughes, K. McQuirke.	

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"

THE CAST.

SNOW-WHITE	...P. Campbell.
DWARFS : DOC.	...C. Brady.
GRUMPY	...M. Cronin.
HAPPY	...N. Murray.
SLEEPY	...B. McAuliffe.
SNEEZY	...V. Joyce.
BASHFUL	...K. Neville.
DOPEY	...G. Montgomery.
THE QUEEN	...R. Redmond.
PRINCE CHARMING	...J. Peters.
CARL (Huntsman)	...J. Sullivan.
COURTIERS : Ladies	...D. Dempsey.
	T. Maguire.
	M. Waters.
	M. Burke.
GENTS	...W. Scott, D. Tannam, B. Lynch, A. McCarthy, G. Gogan, L. Graham, T. O'Brien, B. Kennedy, F. Morris, B. Redmond, J. Kirby, S. O'Reilly, B. Fitzsimon, D. Foley, L. O'Neill, M. Cremin, B. O'Reilly, H. Dowling.
HERMITS	...C. Byrne, Cor. Gogan, T. O'Brien, J. McQuirk, W. Scott, D. Magee, Conal Gogan, P. Bolger, F. McQuirk, S. Coakley, W. Burgess, P. Watmough, F. Fennell, J. Grace, D. Tannam.

indeed of the Dublin dramatic scene with the Irish Theatre Company. Frank Junior was just as prominent in his day, taking the lead in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas in Blackrock for decades, and in amateur musical productions all over the city. It was natural that he should turn to a concert to raise funds for the new scout troop, and on St Patrick's Day, 1942, the first of many scout entertainments took place, with Frank himself providing one of the vocal items, and a young Ulick O'Connor doing conjuring tricks!

The first of what you might call the classical English dramas to be produced was *She Stoops to Conquer* in December 1942, directed by Fr Murray who had now taken over from Bro. Benedict who had been transferred to Rockwell. Fr Murray also produced *Golden Priest* by Aodh de Blacam, the following December, 1943, with Michael MacCormac as St Oliver Plunkett. The next year, 1944, Fr Murray was joined by Fr Frank Barry in the production of *The Rivals*, and for nearly forty years, Fr Barry was responsible for all the fine productions staged in St Mary's until 1980. The final presentation of the period under review was another classic – Molière's *Would-be Gentleman*.

GAMES

Rugby

The period 1934-45 was not without its share of success in rugby, although the U-13 Cup was the only inter-school competition won. In the 1935-36 season Dermot Smyth was honoured with an interprovincial cap as scrum-half for Leinster against Munster. In the Cup competition, the JCT beat High School 11-3 in the first round and then drew with St Andrew's 11-11, defeating them in the replay 5-3. They then beat CUS 6-0, but were no match for Rock, the eventual cup-winners, in the semi-final, which they lost 15-0. The SCT, which was made up largely of the successful JCT team of 1934 was far too light as seniors to have much chance. They began with a 6-3 defeat of King's Hospital, but when two of their bigger players, Ivor Hooper (the goal-kicker) and Lorcan Foley, were unable to play because of illness, they were summarily beaten by Belvedere 17-0.

In the 1936-37 season, 'flu was rampant in the schools and St Mary's went down by 7-3 to their old rivals Terenure, the four points coming from a dropped goal. The Juniors went down by an even narrower margin, 3-0 to Belvedere, that year's cup-winners.



*Under 13 Provincial's
Cup Team, 1937*

Back: A. Hughes;
J. Waldron; Unknown;
W. Bergin; Unknown;
A. Christian; R. Blake;
L. Donnelly.
Seated: M. Waldron;
D. O'Sullivan;
B. O'Rourke;
C. Fitzgerald;
T. Kearns.
Front: Unknown;
Unknown.

The 1937-38 season opened with wins for the JCT over Rock Day-boys and Terenure, while the SCT beat O'Connell's School and High School. After Christmas, on January 22, they shared the honours with Terenure by winning the JCT match 10-3, and losing the SCT match 3-0. The JCT's good showing in the friendlies gave some hope for a good run in the Cup. It began inauspiciously with a two-time draw with King's Hospital, 3-3 in the first and 0-0 in the second, before St Mary's won through to meet and beat CBS Dun Laoghaire, 15-0. However, O'Connell's put paid to their effort with an 8-3 defeat. The SCT began with a flourish. They beat Wesley 16-0 and CUS 18-0, thus qualifying for the senior section, where they met Newbridge whose three penalties bettered the two tries and a convert of St Mary's. Result: 9-8.

1938-39 would have been rather undistinguished except for the emergence of George Norton as a power in Irish rugby at full-back and Terry Coveney at centre. George's brother, Austin, had already made the full-back berth on the St Mary's Club team his own and was to hold onto it for the next ten years. He was an immaculate fielder of the ball with uncanny positional sense, a crunching tackle, a lengthy touch-kicker and drop-kicker, as well as being a dependable place-kicker. In fine, he was a splendid full-back and it is one of life's mysteries why he was never picked for province or country. George was in the same mould as Austin, with perhaps a shade greater mobility, although Austin's positional sense often gave him the appearance of not moving quickly. George himself was deprived of many representative honours. As a schoolboy he had to share the position on the Leinster Schools team with Jackie Staunton, the O'Connell's out-half. Jackie was a natural footballer, as adept at Soccer and Gaelic football as he was at rugby. After school he played for almost a decade with Garryowen, helping them to a Munster Cup win in 1947, but never really fulfilling the promise the Leinster selectors saw in him. George, on the other hand, had to play second fiddle to Austin in the St Mary's Club. For a period he played as wing-forward in order to gain first-team experience, although at this time St Mary's were only a junior club. However, he quickly gained his due recognition when he transferred to Bective Rangers in order to have senior rugby exposure and became one of the greatest full-backs ever to represent Ireland and No. 1 choice as full-back on the Lions 1950 Tour of New Zealand, the college's first British and Irish Lion.

Terry Coveney got no recognition for his undoubted ability as a centre or out-half while at school, but then it never was easy for a boy from a weaker side to catch the eye of the selectors, who probably felt they had done enough in picking Norton. But after leaving school in 1939, Terry quickly made his mark with the Club, which became a Senior Club in 1940, and was a regular on the Leinster team and on Irish XVs during the war. The only International he played for which caps were awarded was against Scotland in 1947.

1939-40 was equally undistinguished. With just 12 in 6th year and 11 in 5th year eligible, the SCT had to be filled out with some from 4th year, who, in fact were among the better players on the team. The opening match was against High School, whose captain, David Orr, was picked as centre for Leinster. He later went on to become head of the multinational Imperial Chemicals and was knighted some years ago. He scored their try and kicked the rest of the High School's points. Three St Mary's tries, two from Stevie Atkins and one from Seamus 'Jammers' Mulvey, left St Mary's ahead by one point at the end, 9-8. The next round was against the old foe, Terenure. Both sides scored a try in the very dour forward struggle, but Terenure were able to convert theirs while the St Mary's conversion hit the bar and fell back harmlessly into the field of play. Result: 5-3.

With four regulars on the team down with 'flu the JCT, which had acquitted itself well during the year, went down at the first hurdle in the cup, being beaten by Pres Glashule, 11-3. As small a school as St Mary's was then could not afford to be without four regulars on any team.



Senior Cup Finalists, 1943

Back: J. Murray;
L. Donnelly;
M. Corrigan; D. Swan;
A. McGloughlin;
S. Riordan.
Seated: V. Keogh;
M. Waldron;
L. McGauran;
A. Hughes; B. Lynch;
P. Bolger; T. Browne.
Front: J. Ryan;
J. Hennigan.

Junior Cup Finalists, 1943

Standing: K. Lynch;
A. McCarthy; W. Scott;
B. Redmond; M. Farrell;
J. Dardis; P. Gogan;
M. Waters.
Seated: D. Corrigan;
L. Graham;
C. O'Flanagan;
J. Fanagan;
U. O'Connor
Front: P. Funge;
G. Fearon.



*Under 13s Provincial's
Cup Winners, 1943*

Standing: B. Fitzsimon;
F. Fennell; G. McCarthy;
B. O'Kelly;
A. O'Connell;
D. Murphy;
N. Corrigan; J. Drumm.
Seated: J. Nestor;
L. Lynch; J. Hughes;
D. O'Sullivan;
Joe Fanagan.
Front: R. Whitty;
G. Drumm.

1940-41 began well for the SCT with a defeat of Rock Day Boys in September and a 9-9 draw with Newbridge in October. However, in the cup Belvedere beat them 6-0. Then Belvedere went on to beat the Juniors also, four days later. It was left to the U-13s to salvage something from the season which they did marvellously, beating Rock Day Boys in Blackrock and The Boarders and Willow Park there too to take the Provincial's Cup.

1941-42 seemed to be auguring well for the SCT before the Christmas holidays. Then in January they had a good win over Newbridge and Rock Day Boys before embarking on the cup campaign in which they defeated King's Hospital decisively in the quarter-finals. In the semis they came up against an exceptionally strong Castleknock team who won 12-0. The JCT defeated High School in the cup before succumbing to Belvedere. The U-13 beat Willow Park 14-0 before losing to the Rock Day Boys and then beating the Boarders. This meant a play-off between St Mary's and Rock Boarders and St Mary's won 10-0 to retain the cup.

If ever there was a 'nearly' team in St Mary's it must surely have been the SCT of 1942-43. This was the year when the school began to play all its home matches in Kimmage Grove instead of the confining space in the field in front of the college, which was really suitable only for younger boys. Only the cruellest misfortune kept them from being the first to capture the Leinster Schools Cup. Before Christmas they scored a number of victories against strong opposition in a series of games with Rock, Terenure, High School, St Andrew's and Terenure a second time, losing only once, in a return game with Rock. After Christmas they lost only to Newbridge. In the cup they accounted for King's Hospital in the quarter-final and met a very strong Belvedere team, captained by tennis international Joe Hackett, in the semi. Penalties were exchanged and Louis McGauran got an unconverted try to leave the score 6-3 when Alec Hughes, the St Mary's centre, kicked to the corner flag. Following up quickly was Vincent Keogh, now Brother Brendan CSSp. The ball bounced on the Belvedere try-line between the full-back and wing threequarter, each leaving it to the other while Vincent nipped in between them and grounded the ball for a try which Liam Donnelly converted, and St Mary's were through 11-3. Then came the crunch, a match with Rock in the final! In the words of Paddy Bolger, former President of the Leinster Branch and Hon Treasurer of the IRFU and wing threequarter on the St Mary's team, "Rock didn't lose finals in those days". The *Irish Times* described the game as "the best seen in Dublin this season". In his history of the Leinster Schools Senior Cup, published in the centenary year, 1988, Declan Downs begins his account of the game with a quotation from the *Irish Times*:

In the long history of the cup few more exciting or better contested games can have been played, nor can the standard of play have been higher. Rock seldom can have had to fight so hard to win a final.

He continues:

Centre Alec Hughes' 1943 XV set the tone for future generations by playing champagne rugby during a cup run which ended in a narrow 9-6 final defeat by Rock.

Hughes inspired his teammates by creating the opening for second row Dick Swan to level the scores, 3-3, at half-time, and though Rock stretched their lead to 9-3, St Mary's never wavered, despite losing full-back Myles Kavanagh through injury. Donnelly left the pack to man the last line of defence, but still Mary's gave as good as they got. The *Irish Times* reported: "Their seven forwards beat Rock for the ball, while the backs revealed qualities in attack almost equal to the winners."

Donnelly landed a penalty to further discommode Rock, and interprovincial centre, Benny Lynch, almost raced clear, following an intercept, before time ran out on St Mary's.

The *Irish Times* praised the performance of scrum-half, hard, straight-running backs, McGauran, Hughes and Lynch.

Forward Michael Waldron joined Lynch on the Leinster team against Ulster, while the team was coached by Coalisland's Fr Fred Fullen, a Rock senior medal winner in 1925. Bolger received interprovincial recognition in the centre the next year and also captained the Club's Firsts before injury finished his career at the early age of 25.

It was undoubtedly the school's finest hour on the rugby field to that date, and it was emulated and equalled by the JCT that same year. This particular team had been a very successful Under-13 team, containing excellent players like Michael Waters, Willie Scott, John Fanagan, Charlie O'Flanagan and Ulick O'Connor. But again it was Rock in the final. The result: 5-3 for Rock. But the same players would be back for a shot at the top honours two years later.

In one category at this time St Mary's were supreme, and that was in the Under-13s. They won the Provincial's Cup no less than four times in a row, 1941-42-43-44. By this time the competition had widened to include Blackrock Boarders and Willow Park, as well as Blackrock Day-boys. Later it would include St Michael's and Templeogue.

The 1943-44 SCT was useful without being in any way spectacular, defeating both High School and Belvedere in the run-up to the cup competition. Unfortunately they met a tough nut for openers in Clongowes, with whom they drew, but failed to repeat the effort in the replay. The same school then did the same for the St Mary's Juniors. It was left to the U-13s once more to keep the flag flying which they did by defeating Willow Park in the final of the Provincial's Cup.

1944-45 was a rather mediocre year. The SCT met Newbridge in the Cup and failed narrowly, 3-0. The JCT turned the tables by soundly defeating the Newbridge Juniors, 17-0. However, Clongowes again proved their downfall, winning 11-6 in a closely contested match. And so, for the fifth year in succession it was left to the U-13s under Michael O'Dwyer to bring home the bacon, which they did by the narrowest of margins over Blackrock Day Boys, 10-9.

Fr Barry, whose fifty-year involvement with St Mary's as a prefect and priest gives weight to his opinion, feels that the greatest handicap to any Mary's team in the '30s and '40s was the conviction that because of the school's size, they could never hope to do more than give the 'big guns' a good match. The lack of facilities for games in the school, and even of basic equipment, along with the fact that very few boys outside the team squads, actually played rugby, only reinforced this conviction. It was a conviction which found visible expression in the way the school supported the team in the cup matches, all of which took place in Donnybrook. Instead of filling a section of the stand as they do today, it was the custom to gather round a college flag on the far side of the ground, as though they hadn't gained the right to a place in the stand. Fortunately, there arrived on the staff in 1943-44 the man who would set in motion the process which would eventually break down that inferiority complex. He was Fr Austin Seagrave. Although he arrived in 1943, it was not until the latter part of 1944-45, when he became Dean of Discipline, that he was able fully to put in train the ideas he had in mind for the improvement of both facilities and morale. However, even in his first year on the staff, when he took over the JCT, he began to carry out some of his ideas, and in this he was ably assisted by the prefects, two in particular, Michael Troy (now a Holy Ghost Father in Canada), and Patrick Townsend (who worked as a missionary in Nigeria for twenty years and then in Mexico where he died in 1971). Both

played for the Club Senior XV, a fact that endeared them to the boys, and they set about whipping up organised support for the teams in the cup campaigns. Reggie Redmond was the cheer-leader and singing practices were held for the songs composed by Mick Troy to the tunes of Step Together and Ireland, Boys, Hurrray!, and the new war-cry:

Samacora, Samacora, Samacora – Rah-Rah,
Samacoray, Samacoray, Samacoray – Ray-Ray.

In the words of Fr Troy:

St Mary's not merely won for themselves a name for *Rugby*, they won it for *Organised Support*. St Mary's won not only on the field but also on the stand. Practically the whole school to a man rallied round the White and Blue – organised into their ranks, under section leaders, and directed by Reggie Redmond.

All together White and Blue,
Come on, backs, and forwards too,
Fixed in front be every glance,
Forward at the word, Advance.
Rallied round the White and Blue,
Thus prepared, we reck not whether
Foes strike, Bind tight!
Steady boys and play together.
Steady boys and play together.

It ushered in a whole new era for the school's participation in sport, because it involved those who had had previously very little interest in games because they did not themselves play. Now they had an interest because they were participating actively. And it had the added plus of bringing the school together as never before.

Cricket

Cricket was the main summer game in St Mary's from its beginnings and retained its importance until quite recently. Even today, it is enthusiastically played in the Junior School, due in no small measure to the sterling work of Dr Deasy and some of the parents and teachers. During the '30s and '40s its importance even in the Senior School was almost on a par with rugby. But unlike rugby, excellence at it did not depend on physique to any marked degree, although fitness was as essential as in any other game, and all else being equal, a stronger player was a better player. The Leinster Branch of the Irish Cricket Union sponsored three schools competitions, a Senior Cup, Junior Cup and Under-14 Cup, while the O'Gorman Cup as we have seen was competed for between St Mary's and Rock Day-boys. While the 30s did not produce any cup-winning sides apart from the O'Gorman Cup, it did produce some excellent cricketers, notably Fred Scott, who captained the Leinster Schools in 1939, and might easily have had an international career in the game if he had elected to join Leinster or some other senior cricket club rather than throw in his lot with St Mary's C.C. which had only intermediate status. Other very useful cricketers of that era were Paddy Branagan, Charlie Wilson, the Boyd brothers, Bill, Gerry and Cecil, the Pratt brothers, Richard, Frank and Phil, Matt Collison, Con Duffy, John Honeyman, Niall O'Connell, the Hooper brothers, Ivor, Barry and Niall, Tommy Kearns, who went on with Gerry Boyd to join Phoenix when the St Mary's Club folded in 1945, played senior cricket for them and rose to be president in their centenary

year. But it was not until 1945 that the first Leinster Cup was won, and this was the Junior Schools Cup, under the captaincy of John Hughes. Cricket in St Mary's had received quite a fillip from Frank Barry when he came as a prefect in 1938, and even more so when he returned in 1944 after his ordination. He took charge of a JCT that had done well in the O'Gorman Cup the year before. He was aided in his efforts by Fr Seagrave who negotiated with Leinster Cricket Club, just across the road from St Mary's, for the boys to practise on a decent cricket square and receive coaching from the club which was and remains today one of the premier cricket clubs in the country. All this bore fruit in 1945 when the Juniors brought back to St Mary's the first cricket trophy since the Senior Cup win of 1916.

In 1936-37 good wins were recorded over Wesley and Rock, but Rock Day Boys won the O'Gorman Cup despite one resounding defeat by St Mary's, 52-11!

World War II made its presence felt in numerous ways, even in the cricket sphere. Imported luxury items were at a premium during the war years, including cricket balls. It became impossible to get them. The factories in England were geared to far more important matters. The result was that most games were played with balls made from a cork composite which did not stand up to the wear and tear of the game and would soon take on any shape but the spherical. They did little to improve cricketing technique.

In 1939-40 St Mary's beat Rock in the O'Gorman Cup, 65-18, in May and then went on to defeat them in the final in June, 46-28. The Present beat the Past in two practice games but were well beaten, 63-140, by St Andrew's in the second round of the cup. After the cup competition they beat Sandford Park 116-104, and were beaten by High School in friendlies.

The 1940-41 O'Gorman Cup final was won by St Mary's, 96-20, while the following year saw a repeat with another comfortable win.

In 1942-43 the SCT were defeated by CUS by 4 wickets, but the JCT had a good run. They accounted for Sandford by 5 wickets in the cup and then had the narrowest of wins, by 2 runs, over Rock before going under to Belvedere in the semi-final. It was the best run for years.

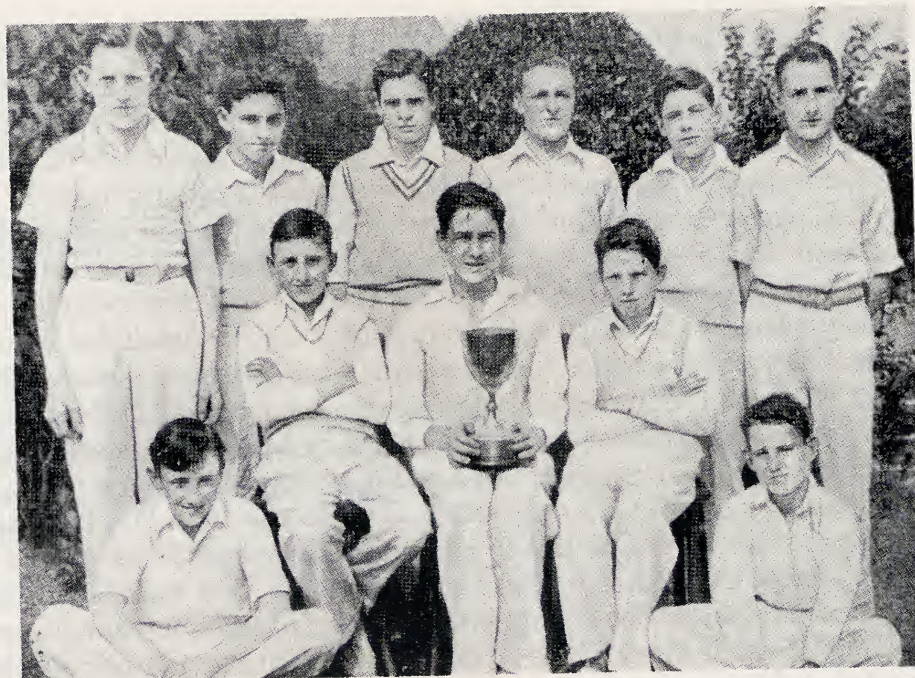


*Leinster Schools' Junior
Cricket Cup Winners,
1945*

Back: G. Duffy;
K. Lavelle; K. O'Rorke;
J. Nestor; D. O'Sullivan.
Seated: M. O'Dwyer;
J. Drumm; J. Hughes
(Capt.); F. Fagan;
I. Kidd-Duff.
Front: J. Horne.

*O'Gorman Cup
Winners, 1940*

Back: M. McMenamin,
D. Clarke;
L. Donnelly; V. Keogh;
B. O'Rorke; J. Murray.
Seated: P. Bolger;
D. Walsh; C. Fitzgerald.
Front: C. Byrne;
C. Dillon.



Gymnastics

1935 saw the last dying kick of the sport of gymnastics in schools in Ireland. Mountjoy, as we saw, won the All-Ireland Schools Gymnastic Shield in 1914, when the competition was suspended because of the 1914-18 war. It was not revived until 1935 when St Mary's under the tutelage of Fr Michael Sexton won it for the seventh and final time. It was never again competed for and rests to this day in the parlour of the college.

Athletics

The Annual School Sports was always the highlight of the summer extra-curricular activity, involving as it did more participants than any other such activity, watched by parents and friends, and enhanced with colour from flags and bunting, and music from Garda or Artane Band. There were probably years when it was even enhanced with summer weather! In spite of this, the school did not produce many outstanding performers, but those it did produce were in the top bracket. Foremost, chronologically, was John Fitzgerald an extremely talented high jumper, who, unfortunately did not pursue the sport after he left school. In the summer of 1940 John won the Junior High Jump in the Leinster Colleges Sports with 5'5 1/2" while winning the Senior at a lower height. In the All Ireland Sports he again won the Senior Jump but was only second in the Junior! In the Leinster Sports that year, Dermot Hughes was 3rd in the Senior 100, Russell Murphy 3rd in the junior Long Jump, while Brendan O'Sullivan won the Senior 880 yds.

In 1940 the more enlightened attitude to sport that was beginning to seep in showed itself in the invitation to Superintendent P. J. Bermingham, who had a son, Tom, in the school, to do some coaching in athletics, particularly in the field events. P. J. Bermingham was one of the outstanding exponents of the shot putt and discus in the country, winner of many Irish titles. That year saw the inauguration of an annual athletics contest between St Mary's and Willow Park for which Fr Michael Meagher, National Director of the Holy Childhood, had presented a Shield, the Holy Childhood Shield, which St Mary's won.

In 1940-41 it was Dr Kevin O'Flanagan who was invited in to help with the coaching. Kevin's younger brother, Charlie, was in the Junior School and beginning to show athletic, tennis and rugby prowess. Kevin had been an outstanding sportsman as a schoolboy in Synge St CBS, where he excelled, along with his brother, Michael, in sprinting, long and



George Norton
Captain of Leinster Senior
Schools' Rugby XV, 1939.



Fred Scott
Captain of the Leinster
Schools' Interprovincial
Cricket XI, 1939.



Terry Coveney

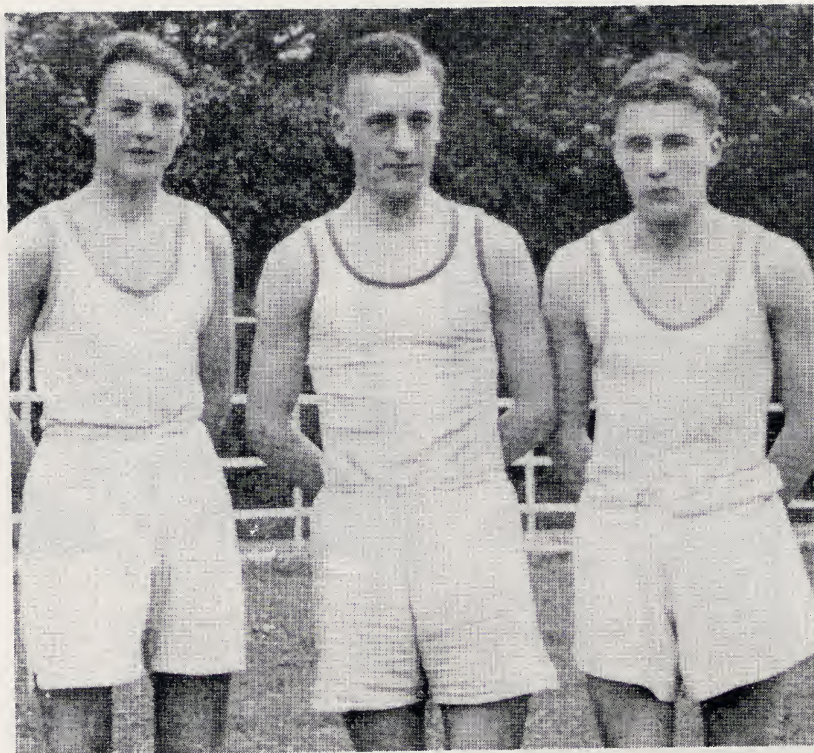
high jumping as well as Gaelic football, and, on the quiet, in soccer. On leaving school they both took up rugby and soccer, playing rugby for UCD and Lansdowne respectively and gaining international honours in both codes, which must be unique. Kevin kept on with the athletics after school and became an outstanding sprinter and long jumper. He was a very useful coach in these disciplines. In an athletic contest with Blackrock on May 7, 1941, St Mary's were beaten by a single point, 23-22. In the Holy Childhood Shield St Mary's beat Willow Park once more, 55-26, but in 1942, Willow Park won the Shield for the first time. In 1943 St Mary's regained it in a close contest 39-32.

In 1943-44 a triangular contest between Blackrock, Castleknock and St Mary's was organised which St Mary's won comfortably with 87 pts, Blackrock 47, Castleknock 43. So it was no surprise to find St Mary's winning the Junior Shield in the Leinster Sports. They were most unfortunate not to achieve the double. They missed the Senior Shield by just a ½ point! It was in this contest that Jimmy Reardon broke the Irish Schools 220 yd record with 23.6 secs.

1943-44 was distinctive in that it saw the first, and only, athletic contest between St Mary's and Terenure College. Hitherto, and since, they have met only in the Leinster Schools Sports, never in a head-to-head contest. It resulted in a win for St Mary's on April 30, 1944. Jimmy Reardon was the lynch-pin of that team.

Jimmy Reardon

No account of the accomplishments of past or present students of St Mary's would be complete at this period without mention of Jimmy Reardon, the school's outstanding athlete. Jimmy was a brilliant sprinter at school and was the first Irish schoolboy to bring the Irish 220 yard record below 24 secs. Jimmy recorded 23.6 in the Schools Championships in 1943. Present-day readers, familiar with junior times of 21 secs, must remember that Jimmy's times were recorded on grass tracks with heavy spiked running shoes, not with present-day performance-enhancing equipment. He played on the wing for the SCT of 1943. He was a natural flier on the wing, but had two problems, holding the pass and also staying on-side till he received the pass. His acceleration was so great that time and again he would over-run the pass. After he left school, he went from the 100 and 220 to the 440, or as it became for the 1948 Olympic Games in London, the 400 metres. Jimmy won an athletic scholarship to the United States where he was coached by Jumbo



John Fitzgerald
All-Ireland Junior
High Jump, 1939
Leinster Senior & Junior
High Jump 1939 & 1940

Tom Bergin
Leinster Senior
Long Jump,
1939

Dermot Hughes
Leinster Junior
Long Jump,
1939



Jim Reardon
Captain, Irish
Olympic Team,
1948.

Elliott of Villanova, who was to have great influence in bringing great Irish Champions like Ronnie Delaney, John Joe Barry, Cummin Clancy and Eamon Coughlin to a peak of performance.

Jimmy was picked for the Irish Olympic Team and represented Ireland in the 400. The most one can ever ask of an athlete in top competition is that he surpass his previous best, regardless of the performances of others round him, and Jimmy did this, returning an Irish record of 47.6 secs for the 400, which, unfortunately, was not good enough to see him into the final, where the great Jamaican, Arthur Wint, won in the world record time of 46.4 secs. St Mary's are rightly proud of their athlete supreme, who was the Irish flag-bearer at those Olympic Games.

Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland

The idea of an organisation which would introduce boys to an outdoor life where they could be trained in self-reliance and responsibility was first aired by Robert Baden-Powell, an English army officer who became a hero during the Boer War for his part in the defence of Mafeking in May 1900 and used the prominence he had thus obtained in order to promote this idea of scouting. He took his first group of 20 boys on a camping trip in 1907. His handbook for training, called 'Scouting for Boys', appeared in 1908 and the movement spread like wildfire, not only throughout Britain and Ireland, but in the rest of the world too. In 1912 Baden-Powell could make a world-tour to meet scouts. While the 1914-18 war slowed the growth of the movement, it was temporary and in 1920 the first Jamboree or international meeting of scouts took place in London. Today there are more than 16 million active scouts in the world and it is estimated that more than 250 million have been scouts.

Even before Baden-Powell founded scouting in England, there were inchoate forms of the idea in Ireland. The Catholic Boys Brigade was active in parts of Dublin, notably under the Capuchin Friars in Church St before the end of the 19th century, but these forms had not been thought out sufficiently to last. Fr Tom Farrell had been one of the leading lights of a play presented by the boys of St Mary's College in the Father Matthew Hall, Church St, in 1898 in aid of the Catholic Boys Brigade. The event and the cause must have made a deep impression on him, while his own experience in parishes in the inner city (Meath St 1908-20; Marlborough St 1920-39) must have made him aware of the great need to provide boys with some character-building activity to offset the pernicious effects of their environment. It is not hard to imagine, in the light of subsequent events, that it was a subject of frequent conversation between him and his younger brother, Fr Ernest Farrell. During his years in Meath St, Fr Tom had been engaged in an apostolate among the working girls of the parish and was instrumental in establishing Our Lady's Hostel where young working girls, particularly those who had come into the city from the provinces with no relatives with whom to stay, could find safe and clean accommodation at reasonable cost. So, it was not until he was appointed to the Pro-Cathedral that he could turn his attention to the idea of a scouting organisation for catholic boys. The Baden-Powell Scouts, while strictly non-denominational, were looked upon, because of their origin, as Protestant in outlook as well as British in politics, and thus, not suitable for nationalist catholics in the atmosphere of those days before and after 1916. Fr Tom and Fr Ernest had in mind a similar organisation, only geared to catholic and Irish boys.

Fr Ernest had temporary appointments in Haddington Road and as Chaplain in the Royal Hibernian Military School in the Phoenix Park (now St Mary's Hospital) before becoming curate in Rathdrum for four years, but it was in Greystones where he served for three years from 1924 to 1927 that he felt ready to put into practice what he and his brother had dreamed and talked about. He gathered a group of boys round him and organised hikes, climbing and drill and other scouting-type activities, while at the same time writing articles in *Our Boys*, the magazine for boys produced by the Christian Brothers to offset the flood of cross-channel comics and boys' magazines, which were considered at best of no relevance to Irish boys. In these articles Fr Ernest promoted the idea of forming an official Catholic Scout organisation. In all this Fr Ernest was encouraged and guided by his brother, Fr Tom, who undertook to seek the ecclesiastical approval which would be necessary if, as they hoped, the movement was to spread to every parish in the country. In the beginning the movement was parish-orientated. It was only in the '40s that school-based troops were permitted. A constitution was drawn up and submitted to the Bishops, whose sanction and blessing was given in November 1926, but the actual foundation of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland is taken to be 1927 when the first National Executive Committee began to function. That same year, Fr Ernest was transferred to University Church, Stephen's Green, where he started the first troop of scouts under the aegis of the new Executive. The first Scoutmaster of this HQ troop was Seamus O'Higgins, who became the first Commissioner for Camping and was closely involved in acquiring the national camp site in Larch Hill, Co Dublin. In his late 50s he decided to become a priest and was ordained for Cardiff diocese, where he worked till his death in 1979.

The new Executive had barely come into existence when it found itself inundated with enquiries from all over Ireland. Machinery was quickly set up for organisation, registration, supply of uniforms from a central office, and thus the National Headquarters came into being, situated for a long time on Stephen's Green, Sth. but now in 19 Herbert Place. Fr Ernest was appointed National Chaplain and Fr Tom National Secretary, posts they continued to hold during their lifetimes. The first Chief Scout was John O'Neill, car manufacturer of Pleasants St, who had assisted Fr Ernest with that first unofficial troop

of scouts in Greystones. He was a former senator of Seanad Eireann.

As we have said, in the beginning scouting in Ireland was parish-based. For some reason difficulties were envisaged in school-based units, which made the executive hesitate about starting the scouts in schools. As past pupils of St Mary's College, the Farrell brothers were anxious that their alma mater should have a scout troop and approached Fr Joseph Whelan, the Dean of Studies, in 1939 about the matter. He himself was enthusiastic, but there was some delay among the school authorities and it was not until 1941 that the first troop was established with Frank Purcell, a past pupil and member of the Knight Clan of the HQ Unit, as Scoutmaster. During the delay, Blackrock College had moved swiftly to become the first school-based unit in the organisation. Fr Fred Fullen was the first chaplain of the 7th Dublin and the first Investiture took place in the college on September 11, 1941, eight boys being invested. In 1943 a Cub Pack was organised and led by Reggie Redmond who had been trained, like a large number of St Mary's boys before him, in the HQ Unit formed by Fr Ernest in University Church. A Senior Patrol of older boys was formed in 1944 which was enlarged into a full Senior Troop four years later.

The following were the Annual Summer Campsites:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Scoutmaster</i>
1942	St Columban's, Navan	Fr Fullen	F. Purcell
1943	Bellevue Park, Killiney	Fr Seagrave	F. Purcell
1944	Kill, Co Kildare	Fr Seagrave	F. Purcell
1945	Ballyhad, Co Wicklow	Fr Seagrave	D. Tannam

Boxing

The "manly sport of self-defence" was introduced into the school by Fr Michael Sexton in the second year after the re-opening but not in any structured way. Dr Joe Whelan re-introduced it in 1939 when he invited Garda Frank Cooper, one of the greatest of Ireland's amateur boxers in the Golden Age of Irish amateur boxing in the late 20s and 30s, winner of many European Championships and a Golden Gloves Champion of the United States, to come and give lessons. The first school championships were held in 1940. CUS were engaged in a boxing tournament in 1940-41 and beaten. There is no record of any other inter-school engagement, but the sport remained popular in the school into the '50s when it gradually lost favour and died out.

Soccer

Everywhere boys gather to kick a ball, of any shape or size soccer will be played, even in a school like St Mary's where rugby reigns supreme. Soccer can be played in the clothes one has on and on any kind of surface, whereas, by its nature, rugby needs grass and street clothes will not stand up to the rigours of tackling and scrummaging. During the short breaks for lunch during the school day it was customary for the boys to kick a round ball around and organise ad hoc teams and matches. Outside school many boys attained a high level of proficiency both during their schooldays and after they left. The Hooper brothers, Ivor and Niall, who were sons of Dr Willie Hooper, one of the founders of Bohemians Football Club and himself an Irish International goal-keeper; Seamus Mulvey who gained a schoolboy International Cap for Ireland; Fionan Fagan who played Division 1 football for Shamrock Rovers and Derby County and was capped for Ireland. In March 1941, in answer to the boys' own wishes, soccer leagues were drawn up and matches played on a regular basis, mainly after school hours, a custom that has continued unabated to this day.

PAST PUPILS UNION

The period under review was one of continued success for the Past Pupils Union and its activities. Mr Vincent E. Becker took over from Fr Ernest Farrell as President at the meeting of September 7, 1934, with a committee including Fr Ernest Farrell, Dr J. B. Magennis, William Blunden, Gerry Condell, C. V. Spadaccini, John Ryan, Jimmy Ganter, Frank Doherty, Frank Purcell, A. E. O'Brien, Charlie Wilson and Paddy Branagan, the last two representing the Cricket and Rugby Clubs respectively.

The outstanding event at the opening of the period was the Joint Dinner given in the Dolphin Hotel on November 21, 1935, by the three College Unions of Blackrock, Rockwell and St Mary's in honour of Rev Dr Edward Crehan, who was just then resigning as President of Rockwell, having earlier been the second President of St Mary's after Fr Tom Fogarty. The Unions presented him with three chalices for the African Missions. The success of this event inspired the Unions to attempt to organise themselves into a Joint Union, with three representatives from each to form a committee. A number of meetings took place between these representatives over the next few years but nothing concrete evolved.

All the affiliated Clubs and Societies, Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Literary and Debating, Dramatic, were active, although only just about solvent. With so many committee meetings taking place, the Hon. Secs. of the various societies had to get together with the Union Secretary to set aside nights for the various committee meetings to enable the various interlocking representatives attend them. Monday was Football; Tuesday Cricket; Wednesday Literary & Debating; Thursday Union; Friday Tennis. The Dramatic Society met only when a production was in rehearsal. For Union officers it could be a busy week. Apart from the Annual Union Dinner, which every year registered a greater attendance, with, to modern readers, an amazing coverage by the national press, including lengthy excerpts from speeches, and Union Day, the purely Union activities included dress dances, whist drives, November Mass for deceased members, matches with the School in rugby and cricket, the annual Golf competition with other school Unions. The Literary and Debating Society hosted eleven major debates in the year 1936-37. However, attendance was so poor at some of them that it was not worthwhile to hold them. The following year, seven debates were scheduled with somewhat better results, but it continued to be the least satisfactory of the Union affiliates. Union Day was abandoned in 1939 because of lack of funds, but an "At Home" was held instead in the Cricket and Tennis Club grounds in Cherryfield, Templeogue. A profit of £16 was made on the "At Home". Union Day, under its usual name was back again the next year, but only for a year. Transport was a problem during the war, and it was not easy for people to travel all the way out to Templeogue to the Cricket Club grounds. For that reason Union Day was abandoned for some years.



Past Pupils' Union Annual Dinner, 1939

Photo includes, Fr. Jim Mellett CSSp, J. Gilmore CSSp, E. Leen CSSp, P. Walsh CSSp, P. Nugent (Pres. PPU), Dr. Dan Murphy CSSp (Provincial Superior), Major Gleeson, Mr. Sarsfield Hogan, J. English CSSp.

During the war years, it was decided that, in view of the straitened circumstances of many in the city, the Annual Dinner should be foregone. Instead, an informal supper, without press fanfare, was substituted, to the satisfaction of all. When the war ended in August 1945, the Union reverted to the formal Dress Dinner.

In 1944 there was some dissatisfaction expressed at the apathy with which many of the functions of the Union and affiliated Clubs were attended, and in the ensuing discussions on the topic it was suggested that what the Union needed for itself and its affiliates was a venue capable of accomodating the sports activities engaged in, Rugby, Cricket and Tennis, as well as a premises suitable for meetings and for all the social activities of the Union. Enquiries concerning the availability of such a parcel of land were made to the Planning Officer of the Dublin Corporation, who suggested that the Shaw Estate was being acquired and part of it set aside as a public park (Bushy Park) and it might be possible to obtain sufficient acreage there for the Union's needs. At £200 an acre, with about 15 acres necessary, this seemed beyond the Union's means. The Shaw Estate became Bushy Park. In the course of seeking a suitable place, the Walsh family, who had a large estate just outside Templeogue village, (now Templeville Rd) opposite the Dodder bridge, were prepared to part with some of their land. Miss Roisin Walsh was Chief Librarian of the Dublin Corporation. Examination of the land offered showed that there was no field sufficiently large for a cricket field. But Miss Walsh pointed out a very large field adjoining her property which would be suitable and said that it belonged to the Holy Ghost Fathers in Kimmage Manor, who might be prepared to sell. When this was reported to the Union Committee, Fr Ernest Farrell said that that field had been offered to the Rugby Club previously at a reasonable rent, but that he did not think the Holy Ghost Fathers would part with it now. In fact, the particular field supplied the potatoes which kept alive the 300 students in Kimmage Manor during the war. It is an interesting coincidence that the present RFC grounds in Templeville are part of the land which was in question that time.

The deaths of a number of notable past students occurred during this time. Arthur O'Reilly, President of the PPU died in November 1935. On December 11 a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul in the College Chapel, with the singing provided by the Kimmage choir directed by Dr Michael Kennedy who later became President of St Mary's. Dr Jim Magennis, whose close connection with the College and the Union has already been recounted, died in November 1940 and Fr Tom Farrell also.

In 1937 the first of the Post-reopening past students to be ordained priest was Vincent Keogh, who left in 1929 to go to Clonliffe where he was ordained for the Dublin Diocese. He was followed in 1938 by Richard Quigley, also for the Dublin Diocese. Then in 1940 came Ned Colleton and Jack Branagan in 1942, both ordained as Holy Ghost Fathers. Gerald A. Healy in 1942 and Lorcan Foley in 1944 joined the Dublin Diocese while Gerard B. Healy became a Holy Ghost Father.

In June 1942 there was a reception in the College Hall to mark the Silver Jubilee of the ordination of Fr Ernest Farrell.

DRAMATICS

Somewhere along the line around this time, the Literary & Debating Society became merged with the Dramatic Society, which is not at all surprising since the same people largely were involved in both. So, in the mid-thirties we find mention of a new society called the Literary and Dramatic Society, run by a sub-committee of the Union.

Their first dramatic offering was *If I Were King*, which played for four nights in the Abbey Theatre, Feb. 27 to March 2, 1935. The cast contained a fair mixture of the old and the young. Dr J. B. Magennis, John G. Gogan, Frank Purcell, L. C. and P. R. Gogan from

the Old Brigade, with Frank Culhane, Bobby Pidgeon, John Ryan, Charlie Wilson, Bill Boyd, Paddy Branagan, the Collisons, John Rogan etc from the younger. The torch was being passed on.

The Football Club also entered the entertainment world to raise funds, presenting concerts in 1935-36-37. And the Cricket & Lawn Tennis Clubs were not to be outdone. They also produced a variety concert in 1937 which included two one-act plays, one of them written by Frank Purcell.

The L & D appears to have faded away after the 1935 production, only to be revived towards the end of 1939 with Dermot Smyth appointed Auditor by the Union and P. J. Kearns Hon. Sec. The Committee was made up entirely of the more recent past pupils. 1940 was given over to debates and the Inaugural address by Dermot Smyth on *Industrialism and the Designer* which took place in the College on February 13, 1940, and received full coverage in the national press. Remarks on art by one of the invited speakers, Monsignor Myles V. Ronan, P.P. caused some mild controversy which filled the letters pages of newspapers for some time. It ensured maximum publicity for the Inaugural Addresses for some years.

In the following year, May 1941, Frank Purcell produced *The Barretts of Wimpole St.*, with Frank Jun. playing Edward Barrett and Kevin Young playing Robert Browning. The play was presented also in Blackrock College in aid of the African Missions.

In September 1942 Frank Purcell Sr produced *Lord Richard in the Pantry*, while Jimmy Ganter read a paper on *The Link with Sterling* for the Debating Society at which Mr Liam Cosgrave TD, Mr Peadar O'Curry, Editor of the *The Standard*, and Fr Denis Fahey CSSp (famous author and authority on social justice, former Professor in St Mary's when it was a House of Studies for the Holy Ghost Fathers) were the main speakers.

The Inaugural debate for 1944/45 took place in February 1945 with 250 present. Rev Dr McKevitt, Professor English in Maynooth College (the author of *No Applause in Church*) was the main guest speaker.

RUGBY

1934-35 was the second year of St Mary's in the Leinster Cup and League competitions. After the departure of Joe Whelan in the Summer of 1934, Brendan Arigho more or less took over the running of the team. He was not himself a past-pupil, although an uncle of his was. He learned his rugby in Pres Glashule, but he immersed himself completely in the Club, "which owes more than it realises to (him). The open style of football that distinguishes the Club today might be said to have been initiated by him." (Paddy Branagan). His three sons went to St Mary's, which makes him more than just an honorary Mary's man. He still follows the fortunes of the Club he helped to form. The Club grew in strength during the 30s, both in players and support. Dermot Smyth, captain of the cup-winning JCT in 1934 and of the SCT in 1936, an interprovincial schoolboy, came to the Club on leaving school and quickly established himself as a regular on the Firsts. At school he had been a scrum-half, but with Arigho already holding that position, Dermot moved into the centre with the same ease he moved through opposing backlines, and in that position gained Junior Interprovincial caps and later Senior Interpros with Leinster. With home players such as he and the Collisons, Ganter, Walkers, Scotts, Branagans, Nortons, and "imports" like Arigho, Colman Mangan (Rockwell), Peter and Bill Meehan (Newbridge), the Club established itself as the leading Club in its grade and ambitions to go higher began to burn in players and supporters.

In the 1939-40 season the 1st. XV won the Metropolitan Cup. They began with a win over Blackrock, 9-6, followed with a win over Clontarf. The final was contested against UCD and resulted in a 6-3 win in a fiercely contested game. Let the *Irish Independent* tell it:

*Metropolitan Cup
Winners, 1940*

Back: M. Collison;
A. Norton; C. Mangan;
J. Quigley; J. Ganter;
L. Ganter.
Seated: J. Walker;
T. Bergin; T. Boyce;
D. Smyth; T. Kelly;
B. Arigho; J. Meaney.
Front: P. Meehan;
P. Branagan.



*Minor League and
Cup Winners, 1940*

Back: C. Duffy;
L. Ganter; G. Norton;
O. Byrne; P. Redmond;
L. Collison; J. Burgess.
Seated: J. O'Connell;
T. Boyce; M. Scott;
P. Byrne; J. Murphy;
J. Manahan.
Front: T. Coveney;
F. Scott.

Senior Team, 1943

Back: W. Meehan;
P. Sullivan;
B. O'Sullivan; O. Byrne;
W. Burke; P. Meehan;
P. Townsend;
Fr E. Farrell, C.C.
Seated: S. Ryan;
T. Bergin; B. Arigho;
A. Norton; J. Mulvey;
F. Scott; T. Coveney.
Front: M. Troy;
D. Smyth.



An excellent last-minute try gave St Mary's College their first success in the Metropolitan Cup when they beat UCD II in Donnybrook by a penalty goal and a try to a penalty goal. Smyth made the opening with a grand run from well inside his own half, Collison carried on the attack and he transferred to Meaney for the last mentioned to cross near the corner-flag.

It was a fitting climax to the match and a well-deserved victory. College had taken the lead with a penalty goal by Horgan from long range in the very first minute and the only other score was a similar one for St Mary's kicked by Meaney just before halftime.

The St Mary's backs showed excellent form in a fast and hard-fought game which had at least one quality lacking in several Senior Cup ties this season. This was the fact that they took and delivered their passes at top speed, and it was a pleasure to see three-quarter movements actually gain ground.

St Mary's: A. Norton, P. Meehan, D. Smyth, P. Branagan, T. Bergin, A. Kelly, B. Arigho, J. Walker, L. Ganter, J. Ganter, J. Quigley. C. Mangan, M. Collison, T. Boyce, J. Meaney.

A dinner to honour the achievement was given in the College Hall on April 9, and the following day, the Second XV were given a reception in the Moira Hotel for winning the Minor League Cup which they did by beating Bective Rangers in the semi-final, 15-0, and Trinity in the final. The time seemed ripe for stepping back into the Senior ranks. However, re-admission was by no means automatic. There was a feeling that there were already more than enough "Old Boy" clubs for the good of the game. And, strangely enough, it was not the oldest clubs who objected. The very oldest, Trinity had no objection while the newest had. However, as always, Fr Ernest Farrell was to the rescue. As the Captain of St Mary's when they last went senior, in 1911, and as a former Junior and Senior Leinster Interprovincial player who had been involved with the game his entire life, he was not unknown to the Executive of the Branch, and used what influence he had to promote the application. And so, eight years after its revival, St Mary's RFC was once more of senior status.

It would be perfect if we could say that from the outset the Club covered itself with glory and honours. But truthfully, it was a hard struggle, and eighteen years were to pass before the Leinster Cup came to the Club. The very first match as a Senior team was against Old Wesley in Donnybrook and ended in an honourable draw, 3-3. So, at least the Club knew they were in the right league. A win against the Cup finalists, Clontarf, on October 12 bolstered this conviction. A win over Bective Rangers on November 9 helped confidence considerably. On November 23 they spread their wings further and travelled to Malone where they were again victorious. After Christmas the Club was honoured by having Frank McMahon, Dermot Smyth and Peter Meehan chosen to play for Leinster against Connaught and on March 1 they were on the team which defeated Ulster 15-3. So, all in all, the Club could look back on the first season in Senior football with quiet satisfaction in the conviction that they deserved to be where they were.

One of the difficulties with going Senior was the spartan nature of the facilities the Club had, both for playing and training. A small school can produce only a small number of keen supporters, for one thing. There is little chance of attracting outside support without proper social activities and facilities, chief among which has to be a bar licence, and there was no hope of a bar licence for the makeshift hut which answered for a club-house in Kimmage Grove. Nevertheless, the Club never did less than give a good account of itself on the field during those early years, and it produced individuals of exceptional brilliance.

We have already spoken of the Norton brothers, Austin and George, and of Dermot Smyth as a Junior Interprovincial. In their very first year in Senior rugby three St Mary's



Kimmage "Grave"

The huts which did duty as a pavilion in Mrs Doherty's poultry farm at Kimmage Grove from 1932 'til the change to Fortfield in 1963.

men were honoured by Leinster, Dermot Smyth in the centre, Peter Meehan on the wing and Frank McMahon in the second row. Frank McMahon, an adept at any kind of game involving a ball, of towering stature, came to St Mary's as a Prefect from Blackrock College where he had already made a name for himself on the 1st Castle XV. It was felt he could give invaluable assistance to St Mary's in their first year in the senior ranks. And they were right. With his 6'4" he ruled the line-out. With his colossal strength he was immovable in scrum or ruck, while he could handle and cover ground like a back. It was his great misfortune that there were not even "war-time" internationals when he was free to play. He was back in the seminary in Kimmage pursuing his theology studies when the war ended. A Clare county minor hurler, he could just as easily have starred at that game, and, in fact., gained a Leinster Colleges Hurling medal along with Fr George Lahiffe when both were in Blackrock. Not many people know that Blackrock College produced excellent hurling teams in the 30s until the GAA banned the mixing of codes even in schools. When he took up golf relatively late in life, without any coaching, he became a single-figure handicap player.

Another Prefect who might have had an international rugby career in other circumstances was Dick Lehane. He was brought from Rockwell to teach in St Mary's and at the same time turn out for the team. He had been, like Frank McMahon, a schoolboy interprovincial. His position was scrum-half and he was as hard as granite. He could soak up any amount of punishment from forwards coming through a line-out and still throw out arrow-straight passes of a length that allowed out-halves to stand well clear of any danger, giving them time to exercise whatever options were available. With his low centre of gravity he was extremely difficult to take down, while he had the strength to burst through most tackles. Dick was capped for Leinster against Connaught in Feb 14 and against Ulster on Feb 28. He was capped for Leinster in 1942 with Dermot Smyth, Peter Meehan and Tom Bergin.

In 1943 Tom Bergin was again capped on the wing for Leinster and Peter Meehan's brother, Bill, was capped as hooker, while that same year saw the emergence of Terry Coveney on the representative scene. Terry had been on the SCT in 1937-38 and 1938-39, where he had proved himself a skillful out-half with an incisive run and side-step and a

devastating tackle. On leaving school he joined the Club and played for a short time on the 2nd XV before taking up a permanent position in the back line of the Firsts. In 1943 he played in all three interprovincials and again in 1944. In fact Leinster played Connaught twice that year and Terry played in both matches. In 1945 he played in the only two interpros played, against Ulster and Connaught. In 1946 he got a war-time international cap against Scotland, and that same year played for Leinster against the Kiwis (as the All-Black Touring Team was known). In 1947 he played for Leinster against Cardiff. A meagre haul of honours, you might say, for a really great talent, but if you knew the unassuming nature of the man, who was every bit a gentleman on the field as he was off it, you would know that he set little store in medals and honours. He just loved to play football.

In 1941, as if to underline the validity of the Club's Senior status, the Second XV beat Wanderers, 13-3, to win the Metropolitan Cup yet again.

In 1942/43 two Prefects playing for the Club were Mr Michael Troy and Mr Patrick Townsend. Mick Troy was a tearaway flanker of boundless energy but, unsurprisingly, prone to injury. The team had its best run in the Cup campaign to date, defeating Old Wesley in the first round by the narrowest of margins, 4-3, then Trinity, 9-6, in what the papers called the best match of the season before going under to UCD, 4-5, in the semi-final. In 1943/44 they met Clontarf in the first round and drew with them, but failed to take the replay.

Mention has been made of Concerts organised to raise funds for the Club. Whist Drives were also held and Sales of Work, but the palm must be given to the man who thought up the idea of the Dog Show that was held in the front field on August 29. It was an idea which was repeated with considerable success later by the Building Fund Committee when funds were sought for the new Chapel.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Diocese/Order</i>
Vincent Keogh	(1929-30)	1937	Dublin
Richard Quigley	(1926-29)	1938	Dublin
Edward Colleton	(1926-29)	1940	CSSp.
John Branagan	(1926-32)	1942	CSSp.
Gerald A. Healy	(1927-29)	1942	Dublin
Lorcan Foley	(1927-37)	1944	Dublin
Gerard B. Healy	(1929-31)	1945	CSSp.



Frank McMahon CSSp.



Richard Lehane CSSp.



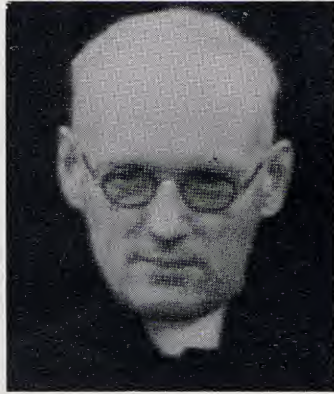
Michael Troy CSSp.



Patrick Townsend CSSp.

Chapter Thirteen

1945-1951



President

Very Rev Fr Thomas Maguire

REVEREND FATHERS

Peter Walsh – Vice-President (1945-63)
Joseph Gilmore – Dean, Junior School (1934-51)
Fred Fullen – Bursar (1945-50)
George Lahiffe – Bursar (1950-52)
Dr Michael Kennedy – Professor (1950-52)
Patrick Murray – Dean, Studies (1942-53)
Austin Seagrave – Dean, Discipline (1945-48)
Walter Kennedy – Dean, Discipline (1948-51)
Dr James O'Neill – Professor (1945-49+)
Francis C. Barry – Professor (1946-88)
Patrick Holly – Professor (1948-49)
Gerald McCarthy – Professor (1949-54)
John A. Walsh – Professor (1950-51)

REVEREND PREFECTS

Norman Fitzgerald	Raymond Kennedy	Colm Corrigan	Gerry Boran
Joseph Shiel	William Jenkinson	Hugh Scott	Ivan Fitzwilliam
John Cunningham	Sean Shine	Thomas Burke	Odran Maguire
Gus Murphy	Cyril Byrne	Arthur Carragher	Cornelius Foley
Aidan Lehane	Paddy Foley	Liam O'Mahony	Michael Wasser
John Farrell			

LAY PROFESSORS

Sean Gallagher – (1926-57)	Martin O'Mahony – (1946-50)
Michael Nagle – (1927-62)	Miss Maura Cranny – Elocutionist (1947-90)
Arthur Barrett – (1928-62)	Miss Kathleen Uhlemann – Singing (1948-52)
Philip McCabe – (1941-73)	

H. DIP. CANDIDATE

Rev. P. O'Donnell, CSSR.

Thomas Maguire, CSSp

THE NEW PRESIDENT of St Mary's was Fr Thomas Maguire. A product of Blackrock, he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers on leaving school and was ordained priest in 1929 after studies in UCD and Blackrock College. He was successively professor in Blackrock, Willow Park and St Michael's before coming to St Mary's in succession to Fr Peter Walsh. During his presidency Kenilworth Square was acquired and turned into a magnificent sporting arena and he was involved in the rugby club's acquisition of new playing fields in Fortfield. At the end of his presidency in St Mary's, Fr Maguire was appointed to St Michael's College, Ailesbury Road, until he succeeded Dr Harnett as National Director of the Holy Childhood in 1959, a position he held until he retired in 1971, when he was replaced by Fr Hourigan, Dean of St Mary's Junior School. He died in 1974 at the age of 76.

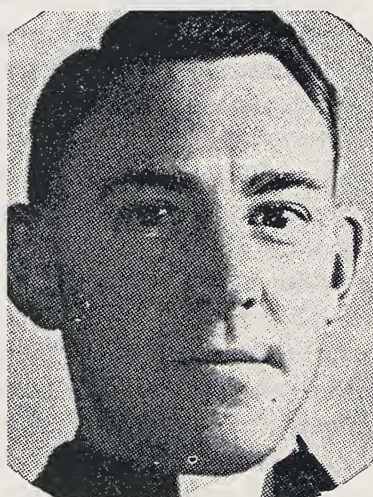
Fr Fred Fullen

Fr Fred Fullen, was one of three brothers from Coalisland, county Tyrone, who became Holy Ghost Fathers. The others were Fr Paddy who spent his entire priestly life in Kenya, East Africa, and Fr Joe, who was a missionary in Nigeria before going to Blackrock College, where he became a noted trainer of football teams. Both Frs Fred and Joe were medal winners on Blackrock SCTs, Fr Fred in 1925 and Fr Joe in 1934. Fr Fred came to St Mary's in 1940 where, as Dean of Discipline he assisted Dr Joe Whelan in the training of teams while completing his degree in UCD and following this with the H. Dip. In 1945 he became Bursar in succession to Fr Dowling, a position he held until 1950 when he fulfilled the wish of most Holy Ghost Fathers, namely, to go on the missions. He was appointed to Bishop Whelan's Diocese of Owerri where he was Principal of two Teacher Training Colleges in succession, Umuahia and Azaraegbelu. When war came to Biafra he stayed on and was one of the few who spent the entire war without a break. With Bishop Whelan and the others who were still in Biafra as hostilities ended he was jailed for his involvement before being deported home in January 1970. He then went to the United States to a parish in Florida where he still serves with the same zeal and enthusiasm with which he did everything in his life.

1947 was one of the severest winters ever experienced in Ireland. Four weeks of snow in January and February, accompanied by overnight freezing, were followed by 5.9 inches of



Fred Fullen, CSSp



George Labiffe, CSSp



Austin Seagrave, CSSp

rain in March during which spring planting was impossible. Famine genuinely threatened and seemed a certainty when the harvest in the following autumn seemed doomed. In an unprecedented move the Government called on people from every walk of life to help in saving the crops and Dublin in particular saw the extraordinary sight of lorry-loads of office workers and students, male and female, being conveyed from central points in the city to out-lying farms to help in harvesting the crops that had not already been destroyed by the torrential rains. It generated a camaraderie in society which had previously been felt only by the survivors of air-raids during the war and did wonders to cement the relationship of rural and urban dwellers. However, the weather did little for games that year and they were practically written off. There was a heavy snowfall even in May 1947!

On December 3, 1947, Canon Fleming, parish priest of Rathmines, died. He was a faithful friend of the school and a staunch advocate of the re-opening of the school in 1926. When the parish was replacing the church organ in May 1936, remembering the help given by St Mary's at the time of the fire in 1920, Canon Fleming offered the old organ to St Mary's. As there was no space for such a large instrument in the small college chapel, it was suggested that the organ might be given to Kimmage Manor for the new church being built there at that time. And that was what happened.

On July 20, 1948, Fr Michael Sexton, one of the pioneers who re-opened the school in 1926 died peacefully in his sleep. He had come to St Mary's from Blackrock and was Bursar for two years before undertaking the post of Dean of Discipline from 1928 until 1936. A native of county Clare, he had served in Sierra Leone for eight years after his ordination until ill-health forced his return to Ireland in 1923. He spent two years on the staff of Blackrock before coming to St Mary's where he is remembered for the work he put into the training of rugby teams and for the interest he took in all games and physical development. It was he who revived the interest in gymnastics that had been a feature of the school's activity in earlier years as we have seen, and which culminated in the winning of the National Gymnastic Shield in 1935, the last year it was competed for. He was a confirmed 'tinkerer' with machinery and with his own hands he built a side-car for his motor-cycle and used it for hauling equipment about. The ill-health that had forced his retirement from the missions dogged him throughout his life, forced his early retirement from teaching and all active participation in the school affairs in 1939, but when he was able to leave his room he was always delighted to move among the boys and share their interests.

The college had seen the electrification of the tramway system in 1896 and the end of the horse-drawn tram. Now it was to see the end of the trams when the last tram on the No 14 and No 15 line rattled down the Rathmines Road on October 31, 1947, closing a chapter in transport history for Dublin. On November 1, the first double-decker buses began to ply the routes they have served ever since, the only change being the ever-extending length of the route as the city eats ever more into the countryside.

With the death of Dr ('Doc') James O'Neill on December 21, 1947, another link in the chain joining the school with its pre-closure days was broken. As a prefect in St Mary's in 1896 the 'Doc' made a name for himself as an outstanding cricketer and even into the '30s showed he never lost the gift with the bat. He spent his entire priestly life in education, first in Blackrock College and then for twenty years in Rockwell College where he was Dean of Studies before the famous Dr Murphy. When the decision to re-open St Mary's as a day school was made, Dr O'Neill was chosen to be the first Dean of Studies in order to make sure of its scholastic foundation. Every boy who went through the school under him as dean and professor has his own favourite memory of the power of his withering glance, and not one tale has lost in the telling. He was taken to hospital on Sunday, December 19 with congestion of the lungs. Other complications set in and he passed peacefully away at just about midnight, Monday the 20th, answering the prayers for the dying right up to

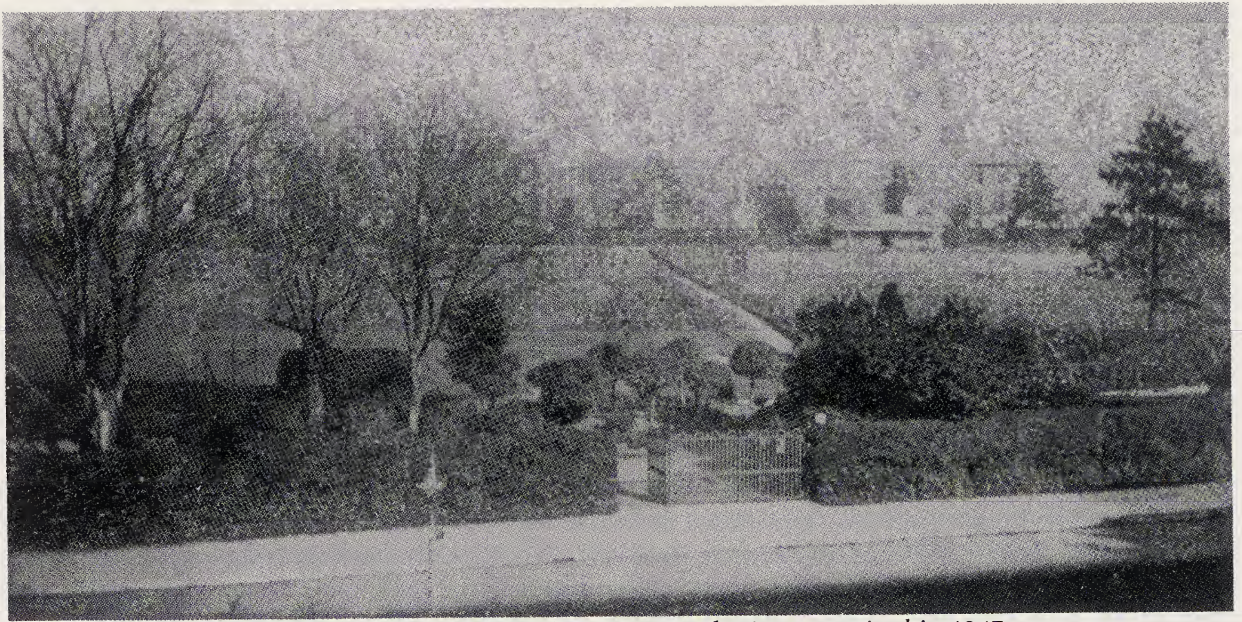
the end. Bishop Whelan, who was home from Nigeria after his episcopal consecration, sang the Solemn Requiem in Kimmage Manor, assisted by Frs Kennedy and Barry. A large crowd of past and present students were present.

Fr Gerry McCarthy was appointed to St Mary's in September 1949. He was born and reared in Rathmines although he went to school in Coláiste Mhuire, Parnell Square. While he was in St Mary's he interested himself especially in the scouts and under his chaplaincy scouting made great strides as we shall see. After five years he was chosen as one of small band of Irish missionaries who went to found an English-speaking Province of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Canada. After ten years at that work, during which he was variously novice-master and superior he went as one of the first missionaries sent on the missions by the new Province and worked in the diocese of Lokoja in Northern Nigeria for a number of years before returning to Canada.

When Fr Fullen left in 1950 for the missions, he was replaced as Bursar by Fr George Lahiffe who had come home from Nigeria on leave and was asked to take over temporarily. Fr Lahiffe was an outstanding sportsman at Blackrock as a boy, excelling in rugby, hurling and athletics. Anyone reading that last sentence will quickly pick out the odd man. It is not a mistake. In the 1930s Gaelic games were played in Blackrock along with rugby, as they were, and still are, in Rockwell College, and Blackrock College won the Leinster Colleges Hurling Championships in 1935 with people like Fr Lahiffe, Fr Frank McMahon and Fr Michael Doheny, who had already played in the schools rugby cup. Fr Lahiffe was a prefect in St Mary's in 1936-38. For the two years he was Bursar, Fr Lahiffe made his mark as rugby coach with the school and the Club and did an amount of work with Fr Barry and the prefects on the development of Kenilworth.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The only change in the Rathmines campus was the erection of the railing on top of the wall along the Military Road to make the perimeter of the grounds uniform in appearance. Hitherto only the front wall along the Rathmines Rd had a railing. However, the really momentous development was in the purchase of Kenilworth Square for the College. We have already noted the huge jump in numbers occasioned by World War II. This had necessitated the building of a new senior school classroom block which relieved the classroom congestion but did nothing to alleviate the congestion in the playing area. The rugby club facilities in Kimmage Grove, primitive though they were, were used occasionally by the SCT, but it was essential that grounds nearer the school be acquired, and quickly. In a built-up area like Rathmines, this was no easy task. What open spaces were there, like Grosvenor Square, Belgrave Square, Brighton Square, Mountpleasant Square, and some smaller areas, were already being used by tennis clubs or bowling clubs. Before the war, the Department of Defence offered the College the option to buy the large field adjoining the back field, but the numbers then foreseen did not warrant this outlay. With the onset of the war and the consequent expansion in the regular army and the volunteer militia called the LDF (now the FCA), this space became very precious to the army, and there was no way they would agree to part with it. Then Kenilworth Square, which had been acquired by a Mr White from the residents who were the rightful owners, came up for sale when Mr White failed to get the necessary planning permission to build, for which he had acquired the land. Mr White had paid £500 and was willing to sell for £1000. Without planning permission it was next to worthless to a speculator. Word of this came to some of the past students and, in fact, some of them were contemplating buying it themselves. The college authorities were informed and were immediately interested. Mr Anthony Dudley, a past pupil and partner in a firm of solicitors was approached and



Playing fields in Kenilworth Square, Rathmines, acquired in 1947.

delegated to negotiate on behalf of the College. The sale was agreed and a loan secured by the college for the purchase.

The acquisition of Kenilworth was only half the battle. What had previously been a private park with a couple of nondescript tennis courts, had to be transformed into rugby, cricket, tennis and basketball areas. For a year nothing was done and then, in 1949, a contract was signed with a firm to level and terrace the ground, and remove some trees and shrubs. The laying of a drainage system should have been included but was not. The top soil was removed and placed to one side, but before proper levelling could be done, unprecedented wet weather came which not only suspended all work for four weeks but flooded the exposed undersoil, from which it took a long time to recover. Eventually it was possible to level and replace the top-soil, but this was done in a most haphazard manner, four inches here, a foot there, and the stones were not removed. Then, early in 1950, the whole was steamrolled by a very heavy roller which compacted soil and stones, making it a poor bed for grass seed. That summer, Fr Barry, with Fr George Lahiffe and some of the Prefects, laid down the first cricket crease with the aid of an 18-foot plank. However, he was permitted only the cheapest of grass-seed, perennial rye, and the result was not altogether satisfactory. Still, cricket was begun in Kenilworth the next season, 1951. With its proximity to the school, and the facilities it provides for rugby, cricket, tennis, basketball and athletics, Kenilworth was a gift from heaven and provides a wonderful arena for such events as the Annual Sports Day and Union Day. It is a most picturesque setting, particularly in the Summer with the trees and shrubs in full leaf, but it is the result of back-breaking effort, mainly by the successive groups of prefects who worked there for many summers, sifting soil, removing stones, filling in hollows, levelling bumps, painting pavilions and repairing them. In the words of Fr Barry: "They did a tremendous job, one could not praise their dedication too much".

FEES

When the School re-opened in 1926, the fees charged were 18 guineas a year for the Senior School and 15 guineas for the Junior. Younger generations should know that a guinea was £1.1.0 in pre-decimal currency, or £1.05 in today's. In 1946, war-time inflation forced the

authorities to raise these to 23 guineas and 17 guineas, while post-war soaring inflation caused a further rise in 1948 to 26 guineas and 20 guineas respectively. The figures will appear ridiculously small to us today, but one must remember the purchasing power of the pound in those days, when a newspaper cost 2p, ten cigarettes 6p, a seat in a city cinema 9p, and a three-course lunch in Clery's 2 shillings. Multiply by 30 and you have some idea of what the equivalent would be today.

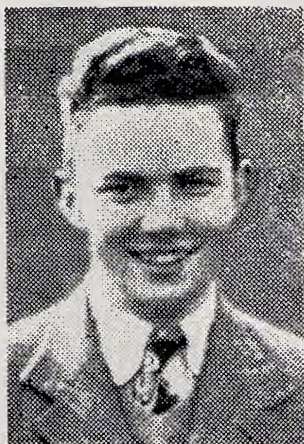
ACADEMICS

Results in the public examinations continued to improve. In 1947 fourteen got the Leaving Cert and 36 the Inter, 24 with honours. In 1949 it was 14 again who got the Leaving, while 32 got the Inter, 21 with honours. Des Moore won an Inter Cert Scholarship. In 1950, 17 out of 19 got the Leaving, 10 with Honours; 38 out of 39 got the Inter, 18 with honours. Michael Corcoran, Richard Lewis and Ken Sparrow got University scholarships. Fred Kelly got First Place in Ireland in French in the Inter and was awarded the French Government Prize. In 1951, 25 were presented for the Leaving, 21 passed, 7 with honours, although all but 5 of those who passed got hon in one or more subjects. Jim Byrne gained a university scholarship while Des Moore got 10th Place in Ireland in the Civil Service Junior Executive exam. 45 were presented for the Inter and 39 were successful, 18 with honours. Fred Kelly gained a scholarship and 14th place in Ireland overall. Patrick Dowling got 1st Place in Arithmetic in the Inter with full marks.

In 1947 the 5th Form boys in the Junior School sat for the Primary School Certificate for the first time, and that was the practice from then on. For a number of years it had been advocated by some of the staff as a means of ensuring that those who advanced to the senior school were capable of benefitting from it, and also as an incentive both for students and staff. The following are the tabulated results of the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate:

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons.</i>	<i>Pass</i>
1946	15	2 (13%)	3 (33%)
1947	16	6 (37%)	4 (62%)
1948	18	1 (5%)	11 (66%)
1949	19	2 (10%)	11 (68%)
1950	20	10 (50%)	7 (88%)
1951	26	7 (27%)	14 (80%)



Michael Corcoran



Richard Lewis



Ken Sparrow



Fred Kelly

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

1946	32	17 (53%)	11 (87%)
1947	30	17 (56%)	10 (90%)
1948	39	25 (64%)	12 (69%)
1949	33	22 (66%)	11 (100%)
1950	39	18 (46%)	20 (97%)
1951	44	18 (40%)	21 (88%)

As some indication of the academic level of the students in the school, at least as represented by the written exams of the time, the following makes interesting reading:

Between the years 1935 and 1953 288 boys sat for the Leaving Certificate. 232 or 80% passed, 153 or 53% with honours. For a school not noted for 'cramming', and where extra-curricular activities had a prominent place in the education of the 'whole man', it was by no means a bad record, as indeed the future careers of the boys showed in time.



Jim Byrne



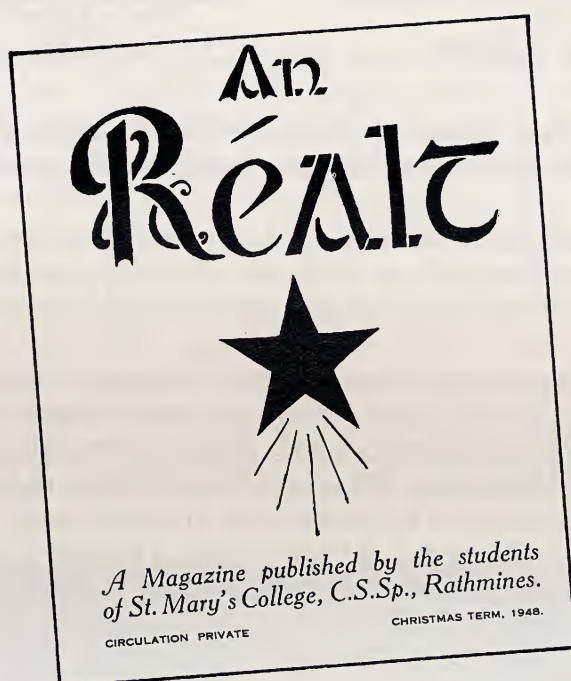
Patrick Dowling



Colm Caffrey

AN RÉALT

The success of the first-ever College Annual brought out by Dr Joe Whelan to mark the Golden Jubilee of the school in 1940, fired everybody with the desire to repeat the effort in the following years, but the restrictions of World War II with its paper-rationing foiled the attempts. At the war's end in August 1945 many of the restrictions which had prevented the publication of an Annual were lifted, but there remained severe shortages for quite some time, so that it was not until 1946-47 that any attempt was made in this direction, and then it was decided that a more modest production than an Annual should be attempted and thus *An Réalt* was born as a bi-annual 16-page periodical with all the school news and articles by students in the senior school, both prose and poetry, serious and humorous. Beginning at Easter 1947 it appeared with reasonable regularity until 1953, and is a valuable record of the events of those years, with an insight into the personalities of the time, past and present. It circulated among the past at home and abroad and did much to maintain and promote the St Mary's spirit and the bond between the past students and the college.



DRAMATICS

Christmas 1945 saw Fr Barry continue with the classical dramas with Molière's *The Would-be Gentleman*, with Seamus Cronin in the lead, aided and abetted by Paddy Funge, Junius Horne, Ray Joyce, Des Dempsey, Charlie Ward-Mills, etc. The summer operetta in 1946 was *The Magic Ruby*, produced by Fr Gilmore, aided by Mr Sean Shine who did the stage and settings as well as the choreography. Fr Barry's next production was Sheridan's *The Critic*, a difficult play admirably acted by a very large cast.

The 1947 offerings were *A Royal Jester* and Pinero's *The Magistrate*. The cast of the latter contained David Judge, son of famed Abbey actors, F. J. McCormick and Eileen Crowe. But the find of the day, according to the producer, Fr Barry, was Gay Dempsey, 'a born actor'.

1948 opened with a gala concert by the college scout unit, the 7th Dublin which included camp-fire songs, games and stunts, short playlets, including an extract from Dickens's *Christmas Carol* with Dermot Ryan and Colm Brady, and conjuring tricks by Dougie Thornton and Billy Fitzgerald. The operetta that year was *The Golden Amulet* with Vinnie McGovern as the Emperor and Noel Banahan as the Princess, while the



'Private Secretary'
B. Daish, E. O'Toole, E. Salmon



*"I'm Charlie's Aunt from Brazil -
where the nuts comes from"*

Christmas play was a break from the classics with Wodehouse's *Leave It To Psmith*, in which Gearoid Lynch was a hit as Psmith, but Larry Gogan stole the show as Miss Peavey.

1949 saw another break with tradition when instead of an operetta, a one-act play in Irish by Douglas Hyde, *Pleusgadh na Bulgoide*, preceded a concert, which featured the Junior School Verse-speaking choir that had won the gold medal in the Father Mathew Feis, trained by Miss Cranny, choral and solo songs, violin solo from Savino Agnoli and a piano solo from Ray Joyce, recitations and Irish Dancing. The Christmas presentation was probably the most successful production ever staged in the College, *Charlie's Aunt*. There were superb performances from Austin Healy as the 'fake' aunt, Eamon O'Toole as the real aunt, Vincent McGovern, Brian and Terry Gogan, in fact from the entire cast. It was customary that admission to the plays be by invitation only, but because of the high performing fee charged, Fr Barry put the play on for a further night's showing, charging admission. With little advertising, the hall was only half full but a profit of £20 was made which went towards the fee.

The operetta was back in favour in 1950. This time it was *Christopher Columbus* with E. McNamara, R. O'Connor and M. Staunton in the leads. In January of the year, the scout troop put on another concert as a fund-raiser, with the usual mixture of items, only this time including a very well rehearsed gymnastics display, which was well received. The Christmas play was another modern drawing-room comedy, *The Private Secretary* by Charles Hawtrey, which went down very well at its four performances. Larry Gogan again won the plaudits, with Eamon O'Toole, Barry Daish and Frank O'Beirne among others.

GAMES

Rugby

The 1945-51 era was not a golden age for football in the School, but neither was it a depression era. The Under-13 Provincial's Cup was won twice, in 1948-49 and 1950-51.

According to Fr Barry, 1946 was the highlight of Fr Seagrave's career in St Mary's when the SCT reached the final once more of the Leinster Cup. "It was a fine team, superb backs with an average pack. If they got the ball they were sure to win". Belvedere had eliminated Blackrock on the way to the final. St Mary's had accounted for St Andrew's (captained by R. Dawson, future Irish and Lions captain, IRFU administrator).

The St Mary's backline read: Ulick O'Connor, Michael Waters, Gerry Fearon, Tommy Donnelly, Charley O'Flanagan, Cormac Cairns and, at full-back, Willie Scott. In perhaps the most breath-taking semi-final ever, we defeated Clongowes 12-11. In the first 8 minutes Clongowes got two dropped goals – 8 points. We retaliated with a try and a goal – 8 points. Then, in the second half, Clongowes laid siege to our line and, getting 100% of the ball, tried again to score. We kept them out. Then in a short moment of respite, Willie Scott, from under his own posts, kicked straight up the field. The Clongowes full-back fielded and kicked it likewise straight down the middle of the field. By this time Scott was near the halfway line. He fielded the kick and coolly dropped a goal. We were 12-8. During the next ten minutes, once again getting 100% of the ball, Clongowes tried and tried again to score. In the very last minute they got over in the corner, 12-11. All was hush at the taking of the convert. They missed it. We had won!

Belvedere won the final, 8-0, a goal and a penalty to nil. In the very first minute of play, Charley O'Flanagan (whose two brothers, Kevin and Michael, had played International soccer and rugby for Ireland), hit the middle of the crossbar with a colossal penalty kick from beyond the halfway line out near the touch-line. We got very little possession in the match. We did *not* do what we had done in all previous games and won – give whatever ball we got to Michael Waters, who was the best centre seen for years. So we lost. Everyone was greatly dejected.”

Fr Seagrave had broken new ground in 1945 when he brought in a professional coach for the cricket teams. In 1948 he broke new ground in schools rugby by inviting an English school to come and play, since when it has become a regular feature of the schools game. At Christmas 1947 he invited St Bede's, Manchester, to Dublin. They arrived on January



*Leinster Senior Schools'
Cup Finalists, 1946*

Back: R. Whitty,
D. Corrigan, M. Waters,
J. Petit, D. Ryan,
B. Redmond, W. Scott,
P. O'Beirne
Front: N. Corrigan,
U. O'Connor,
T. Donnelly,
C. O'Flanagan (Captain),
C. Cairns, G. Fearon,
P. Funge.

1st, and played on January 2nd. Accustomed to doing things in the grand manner, he publicised the event widely and hired the Donnybrook ground for the match, charging admission. The £53 taken in helped defray the expenses. Fortunately, because no expense was spared in entertaining the visitors. He got them ringside seats for the European Boxing Championships in the National Stadium; stand tickets for the Curragh Races (Joe Fanagan supplied the cars); front seats at the Olympia Pantomime; dinner and show in the college hall. To do this he engaged two army cooks who cooked the meal on field kitchens out at the back. He got a well-known Radio Éireann singing group, *The Antlers*, to entertain the 80-strong party. He produced a souvenir menu card with the two teams and their colours. As Fr Barry says, "It was quite something". Incidentally, the match in Donnybrook was won by St Mary's, 11-0. Two days later St Bede's played Blackrock and beat them. Rock were not pleased. They claimed it was not really their full team as it was vacation time, but a team of day-boys. Still, all St Mary's are day-boys.

The following week, on January 7, 1948, St Mary's paid a return visit to Manchester. Frs Seagrave and Barry, with Dr Ivor Hooper, accompanied the team, which again beat St Bede's. The cock-of-the-North team at that time was from King's College, Macclesfield, who requested a match. They were unbeatable, apparently. On a foul day, with the rain pouring down in sheets, we were trailing 5-3 when the referee (former English captain and current International referee, Gadney) awarded St Mary's a penalty try and the match was won. Final score: King's College 8 St Mary's 11.

An Réalt had this to say of the 1946-47 SCT:

The SCT covered themselves with glory, and confounded the critics in their match with Blackrock (Leinster Cup Finalists). The result, Rock 10 St Mary's 3, might have been a lot closer.

The play of the forwards was amazing. When one considers their lack of weight and height, one marvels even more. They were naturally beaten in the tight, but made up for it by their great play in the loose. Particularly noticeable were Nicky Corrigan, who had a great game; Dermot Ryan in the line-out, and the two wing-forwards, Bart Fitzsimon and Michael Clancy.

Of the backs we feel we must mention Gerry Fearon (captain) for his super crash-tackling at centre, and John Hughes, at out-half, for some grand hard runs, and a good penalty.

The SCT played King's Hospital in the first round of the Cup and won with something to spare, 19-3. The next round pitted them with Newbridge who were fortunate to come out winners by the single score, 5-0.

David O'Sullivan was picked as full-back on the Leinster team to play Munster Schools.

The JCT had an easy win over CBS Dun Laoghaire in the first round and then drew with Belvedere in the second. They were unfortunate in the replay as they were missing five regulars through illness, including their captain, Tom 'Tucker' Nolan, who was half a team in himself. *An Réalt* gives great credit to the subs who came on at the last moment. Not one of them let down the side. "Rarely before, we think, has a Junior as small as Jim Byrne played in a JCT Cup match. Donnybrook to him must have seemed like the wide open spaces of the prairie."

The U-13 team won their first match in the Provincial's Cup, 3-0 against Blackrock Borders and then played a draw with Willow Park, 0-0, before succumbing, 0-9, to the Day Boys. The return match with the Borders ended with a 3-0 victory for 'Rock. A 5-3 defeat by the Day Boys put paid to any ambitions of winning the Cup.

In was in that same year, 1947-48, that Fr Seagrave arranged for the captain of the

touring Australian team, Don McLean, to speak to the boys. To Fr Barry's mind, this was the greatest single event that did most to promote the future of rugby in St Mary's. McLean gave a lecture on the Australian fifteen-man approach to rugby. The Australians played brilliantly, the forwards running and handling like backs, and were a pleasure to watch. Nothing like them had been seen in these islands for years. McLean stressed three things: fitness, basic skills, planned attack. On all three accounts he criticised the home teams, which, in fact took nearly four more decades before they attempted to attain the fitness that was necessary for football at international level. Fr Seagrave attempted to put these three things into practice with the 3rd A team of 1948-49 who were competing for the new trophy, the Moran Cup. We will see later how well they fared. Meanwhile, in the school Fr Seagrave set about re-organising physical education, or 'Drill' as the boys called it. For years it had been carried on in an unimaginative and desultory way (as indeed it was in every other school in the country at the time, when it was done at all). Fr Seagrave invited Tony Myles to come and show what could be done. Myles was an ex-commando who had been on the British Olympic Gymnastic Team in 1948. He took a group for P.T. one day and for a whole hour put them through their paces. At the end, they agreed that they had never experienced anything like it. It set a pattern for future sessions. Unfortunately, the money was not there to employ Myles permanently. He went to High School. But he had set standards, and these were adhered to later on when Fr Barry re-structured P.E. in the school, insisting on the boys changing for P.E., although it was not until 1966 that a proper gym was built.

It was in February of that same 1947-48 that Fr Seagrave invited Karl Mullen, the Irish captain, to speak to the SCT squad.

Because of bad weather the Under-13 Cup was cancelled that year, 1947-48. But under the captaincy of Sean Cooke, one of the most accomplished footballers ever to come out of St Mary's, the U-13s won back the Provincial's Cup the following year, 1948-49. The JCT under Austin Healy held Belvedere to another draw, but lost the replay narrowly. A young SCT – thirteen of the fifteen eligible for the following year – put up a good show before succumbing to a good Castleknock team. Michael Hctor, the hooker, was a sub on the Leinster team that played Munster.

Of course, this was the Golden Age of Irish Rugby with the double Triple Crown, when Jackie Kyle was the idol of every boy in Ireland. Fr Seagrave brought Kyle, wing-forward Jim McCarthy and wing three-quarter Bertie O'Hanlon to the school to take the SCT squad for a session in the front field, which did an immense amount of good to the morale, not only of the SCT but of the whole watching school. It is these little touches, totally imponderable in themselves, which go to the making of a tradition. To this day, St Mary's, at all levels, try to play fifteen-man football, which has gained for them a reputation of producing teams which adorn the basic skills with style.

1949-50 brought no trophies either. The SCT met Belvedere once more in the first round and were beaten 3-0. Their good showing was due in no small measure to the strikes against the head from their interprovincial hooker, John Corrigan, one of the many Corrigans, sons of Col. 'Bull' Corrigan, who formed the backbone of college teams in the '40s and the club in the '50s. 'Flu decimated the JCT that year who had to scratch from the Cup.

The 1950-51 SCT was captained by Brian Gogan, and with stalwarts like Vinnie McGovern, Tim Harrington, Pat Fitzpatrick, Austin Healy, Jim Byrne, the Hussey twins, Pat Murray and Fred Cogley in the team promised a good run in the Cup. A victory over Rock a couple of weeks beforehand strengthened this hope. However, Roscrea in the first round proved a harder nut to crack. The first encounter ended in a draw, St Mary's unable to turn their superior possession into points. The replay was won after a hard-fought match. Whether or not these two matches had sapped the strength of the light St Mary's pack, they failed to secure any worthwhile possession from the Rock



*Senior Rugby
Cup Team,
1951*

*Back: M. Ahern,
F. Cogley, P. Murray,
L. Gibney, A. Healy,
B. Whelan,
V. McGovern.
Seated: B. Hussey,
P. Fitzpatrick, C. Fagan,
B. Gogan,
T. Harrington,
A. Woodhouse, J. Byrne.
Front: W. Meagan,
J. O'Doherty.*

pack, and without the ball you cannot win. But they fought well in the best St Mary's tradition. Brian Gogan gained two Interpro caps.

Cricket

1948 deserves to be highlighted in the cricketing annals of St Mary's as the year when a clean-sweep of all three competitions among the Leinster schools was almost brought off. The Finals were reached in the Senior, Junior and Under-14 Cups. The vision of Fr Seagrave in acquiring professional coaching (George Pope, Test Cricketer of Derbyshire and later J. Harrison and the great West Indian Leary Constantine) and the use of a proper crease in Leinster C.C. at last began to pay dividends. Of course, all the coaching and facilities in the world are of little use if the material is not there, and it was there in abundance that year: John Hughes, capt., Gerry Duffy (Interpro), Robert Burke (Interpro), in the seniors; Neil Geoghegan (capt), Bernard Kelly, Ian Kidd-Duff, Tim Harrington, in the juniors; Pat Fitzpatrick (capt), Noel Farley, Fred Cogley, Fred Kelly, in the U-14s.

On the way to the final the SCT defeated St Columba's, Blackrock and King's Hospital. They met old foes Belvedere in the final and won by over 100 runs.

The Juniors beat Belvedere, Mountjoy and High School on the way to a final clash with King's Hospital whom they defeated 147-65.

The Under-14s were defeated in the final by Belvedere only after a stubborn fight. However, they made amends the following year by bringing home the U-14 Cup, Fred Kelly, Sean Cooke and Paddy Dowling shining. The JCT reached the semi-final while Junius Horne was awarded his Interpro, an honour he would repeat in tennis, table tennis and rugby after he left school.

In 1950 both SCT and JCT reached the semi-finals, and did even better the next year, 1951, when the JCT reached the final only to be beaten by Belvedere, while the SCT fell at the semi-final hurdle.

While of necessity we highlight the successes of the school teams, we do have to remember that none of these successes would have been possible without a cricketing

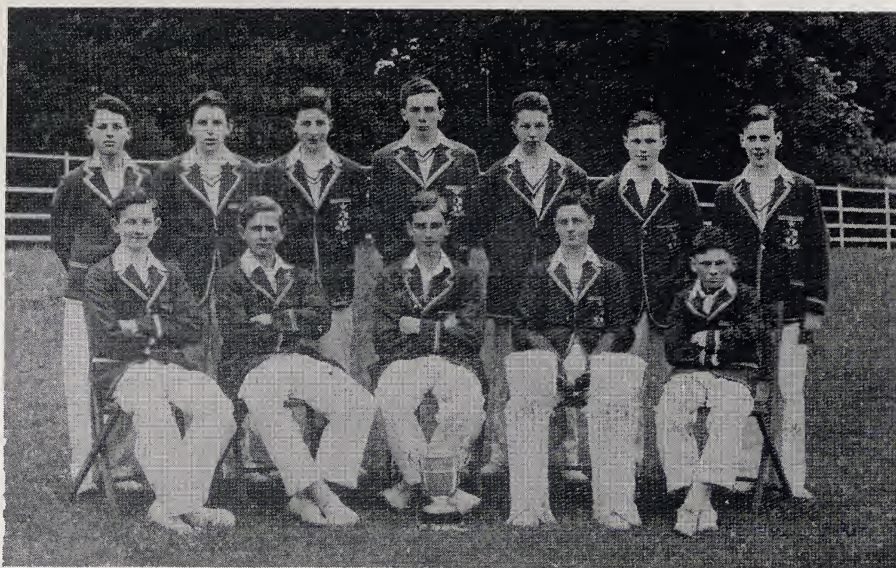


*Leinster Schools
Senior Cricket Cup, 1948*

*Back: M. O'Dwyer,
J. Fanagan, P. Murray,
G. Drumm, B. Kelly,
I. Kidd-Duff
Front: T. Harrington,
G. Duffy, J. Hughes,
R. Burke, J. Horne.*

*Leinster School
Junior Cricket Cup, 1948*

*Back: I. Kidd-Duff,
C. McCarthy, B. Kelly,
R. Riall, P. Murray,
C. Fagan, L. Gibney
Front: C. Murray,
M. O'Dwyer,
N. Geoghegan,
T. Harrington,
N. Farley.*



*Under 14 Cricket Cup,
1949*

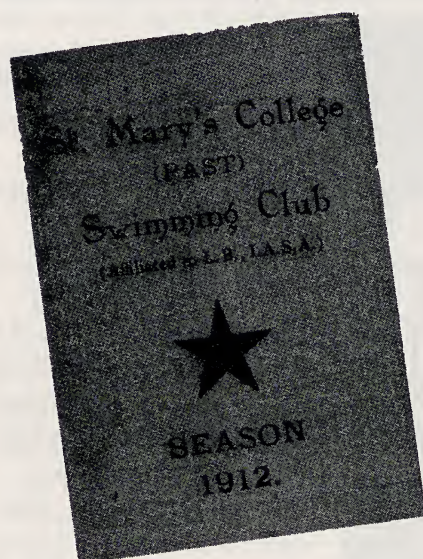
*Captain of
Under 14 Team,
Fred Kelly,
presents the cup to
Fr. Peter Walsh, CSSp.
Vice-President.*

background and tradition which was rooted, not just in the schools matches with other schools but in the house leagues played at every level in the school from Junior 1 to Sixth Year, and in particular the Holy Childhood League in the Junior School where both a love for the game and the basic skills were inculcated from the earliest age, a task carried out mostly by the successive groups of prefects who were responsible for games in the school under the Dean of Discipline in the '40s, '50s and '60s. It is a matter for regret that the scholastic pressures of the 80s have not permitted the continued enthusiasm for the game in the junior school to bloom in the senior.

Swimming

Back in pre-closure days the Past Pupils organised a Swimming Club which used the Municipal Baths in Tara St, Dublin, but there is no mention of swimming in the school itself.

In 1945, due in great part to the enthusiasm of just one person, John Pettit, swimming was started in the school and grew in popularity. This is all the more surprising when you consider that the only facilities available were Blackrock Baths, an open-air facility using sea water which could only be used in the summer. And even this primitive facility was a long enough journey by bicycle after school. That sufficient numbers were available to enter teams for the Leinster Schools Competitions is a tribute to their enthusiasm. However, a sport that depended on that level of enthusiasm had little hope of survival, and soon the travel began to pall and the sport died out. However, it revived and the 1958 Annual speaks of a weekly evening in Iveagh Baths throughout the winter. When these facilities became unavailable, the switch was made to the less satisfactory because smaller baths in Tara St. These continued to be used until the Baths were built in Rathmines at the opposite end of Ardee Road to the college. With occasional breaks in the regularity an Annual Gala was held which constituted the College Championships and teams were regularly entered for the Leinster Schools Championships with considerable success. The name of Tommy Dorgan will ever be associated in the minds of an older generation of St Mary's men with the sport of swimming. Tommy was one of the best-known members of the rugby club, without ever making his mark in the game. He was the dependable, ever-present, gateman for all the club's home games in College Drive and Templeville.



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Swimming Club Membership Card, 1912

No club could have a more loyal supporter, and one always ready to do the thankless task. Even at school Tommy showed his swimming prowess and entered for the Liffey Swim while still a schoolboy. It was an event he entered every year for many years, winning it on one occasion, as did another St Mary's swimmer in the '40s, P. G. Condon, who also won the Ireland's Eye open sea race, and was Irish and Provincial champion in a number of swimming disciplines, as well as representing Leinster and Ireland in water polo. In 1969, John Mulvey won the Liffey Swim. He is the son of Seamus 'Jammers' Mulvey, an Irish Schoolboy International Soccer player, who was hooker on the SCT in 1938-9-40, gaining an Interpro trial. While still at school in 1940, Seamus played for the St Mary's Club team which won the Minor League Cup, a feat which helped the club's claim to be restored to senior rank. John Mulvey won many trophies in the Leinster Schools Championships, represented Leinster in Interprovincial meetings, and besides the Liffey Swim, won the Kilmartin Cup for the Open Sea Swim off Bray.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We have seen the place of dramatics in the school's curriculum from its earliest years, and how the pursuit of the art was continued after school by the Past Pupils Union Dramatic Society. Allied to this art is the art of debate and oratory. We have no record of debating in school in the pre-closure years. Any such records must have perished in the clear-up conflagration which followed on the closure. But we have seen that debating was practised by the union. It is hard to believe that past students turned to the practice of this civilised art after school without previous school experience. Whatever about the truth of that, debating became a regular feature of the extra-curricular activities in the school after 1926, and we have already seen that it was an important feature of the union's activities, receiving extensive coverage in the nation's press. But it was not just within the confines of the college and its past pupils union that the skill of St Mary's men in oratory and debate was revealed. They made their name in the universities, medical schools, law societies and other professional bodies. The Literary and Historical Society of UCD has a long and distinguished history from its inception in 1854 in Cardinal Newman's Catholic University to the present day. The roll of its Auditors reads like a Who's Who of Ireland's leading lights in politics, the professions and industry.

In 1901 Robert J. Kinahan, captain of cricket in St Mary's in 1898-99, a regular on the SCT rugby team which first entered the Leinster Cup, and a stalwart with the newly formed Old St Mary's Rugby Club, was voted Auditor of the L & H. The merit of this victory can be measured by glancing at the calibre of his committee: Hugh Kennedy, Ireland's first Attorney General, Secretary; Arthur Clery, author and UCD Academician; J. Murnaghan, High Court Judge; John Marcus O'Sullivan, Professor of History, UCD and first Minister for Education. Bob Kinahan won the Gold Medal for Oratory. His inaugural address was on socialism.

In 1911 John A. Ronayne defeated Patrick J. Gilligan, future Minister for Finance in Cosgrave's government, for the post and had on his committee, fellow St Mary's man Jim Magennis as secretary, with Arthur Cox, (eminent solicitor), John A. Costello (future Taoiseach), Conor Maguire (the future Chief Justice). John Ronayne also played for Old St Mary's for a number of years. His inaugural address was called "Dawn on the Hills of Ireland" and had to do with Home Rule, the burning issue of the time. He won the silver medal for Oratory. Called to the Bar in 1914, he joined the Munster Circuit but died tragically young in the 'flu epidemic of 1918.

Dr Jim Magennis, who joined every society in the university and was instrumental in founding the Dramatic Society, was on John Ronayne's committee in 1911-12, was treasurer on Arthur Cox's committee in 1912-13, and just narrowly beaten for the Auditorship in 1913-14.

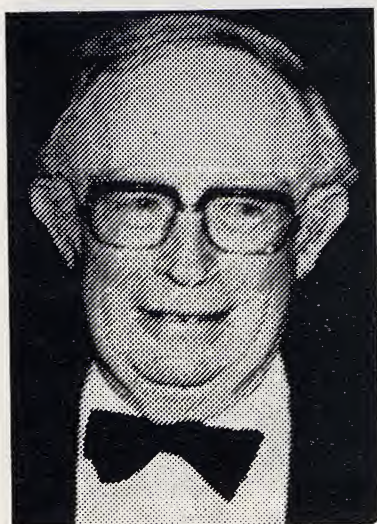
In 1920 John Farrell was elected Auditor. He had Sean MacBride and James Dillon on his committee. John had still a year to go when St Mary's closed in 1916 so he was sent to Belvedere to finish, together with more than a dozen other boys, including Kevin Barry. John was called to the Bar in 1921 and was appointed District Justice in 1943.

In 1938 Thomas F. O'Higgins, future candidate for the Presidency of Ireland and future Chief Justice, was elected Auditor and spoke on "Naturalism in Ireland" in his inaugural address. He also won the gold medal for oratory.

Dermot Ryan, the 'whiz kid' who parlayed a second-hand car into a Car Hire and Hotel Empire, was born in 1928, came to St Mary's in 1939, and did his Leaving Cert in 1947. He blew through Earlsfort Terrace like a tornado, a talking tornado, and was either a thorn in the side or a leader of the Student Representative Council all his time there. He was elected Auditor of the L & H in 1951 and his inaugural address was titled "The Price of Progress".

Other St Mary's men who served on the L & H committee were John Ronayne, 1910-11; Niall MacNeil, son of Professor Eoin MacNeil, 1918, correspondence secretary to Daniel Binchy, future Law Professor; Patrick F. Donovan, committee-member in 1925-26, 1927-28, 1928-29; President of the SRC in 1927-28, son of Professor Robert Donovan; Gerald S. Cox, 1932-33, who joined the Irish Army after graduation and rose to Commandant before his early death in 1956. He instigated the revival of the rugby club in 1932; Donal O'Donovan, 1948-49, presently a senior counsel; Tom Garvey, 1955-56, who became Chief Executive of Coras Tráchtála, then headed the EEC Diplomatic Mission to Nigeria before taking on the post of Chief Executive of An Bord Poist.

However, UCD's L & H was not the only stage on which St Mary's men appeared with success. The college provided medallists in the Law Society, like Thomas Lynch in 1947, Diarmuid O'Donovan and Michael Burns; the medical schools like Dr Robert Joyce of the Catholic Medical School, Cecilia St in 1899, Gearoid Lynch of the College of Surgeons in 1953, Conal Hooper of UCD Medical Society; as well as other societies in the universities in the city, like UCD's Commerce Society (Reggie Redmond, Auditor 1946; Des Mulligan, Auditor 1950); William Maguire, Auditor of Trinity Historical Society and David O'Sullivan, Gold Medallist of the same Society. Des Mulligan, when Auditor of the UCD Commerce Society brought a debating team to England and took part in debates with Oxford and London Universities, as well as taking part in an Inter-Varsity Debate broadcast on the BBC. This list is in no way intended to be exhaustive but serves to show the substantial contribution made by past students to the art of debate down through the years.



Thomas F. O'Higgins



Dermot Ryan



Reginald Redmond



St. Mary's Scouts - 7th Dublin Unit, 1950

SCOUTS

Des Tannam took over the scout troop from Frank Purcell in 1944 and guided its development and expansion over the next four years before handing on to Pat McCarthy for one year and then Frank Fennell for three years. Fr Garry McCarthy took over as chaplain in 1949 from Fr Seagrave and was spiritual guide for five years.

The annual camps were as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1946	Virginia, Westmeath	Fr Seagrave	Des Tannam
	Castlebellingham (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond
1947	Stradbally, Waterford	Fr Seagrave	Des Tannam
	Kenure, Rush (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond
1948	Rathdrum, Wicklow	Fr Seagrave	Des Tannam
	Newtownmountkennedy (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond
1949	Fore, Westmeath	Fr Seagrave	Pat McCarthy
	Castlebellingham (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond
1950	Stradbally, Waterford	Fr McCarthy	Frank Fennell
	Rathdrum, Wicklow (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond
1951	Rathdrum, Wicklow	Fr McCarthy	Frank Fennell
	Kenure, Rush (Cubs)		Reggie Redmond

THE PAST

Cricket

The summer of '45 saw the death of two of the past pupils union affiliated societies, the cricket club and the lawn tennis club. Lack of numbers brought about the demise of the Cricket Club. With a regular playing membership which barely covered the two teams which were engaged in the Intermediate and Minor Leagues, friendly fixtures had occasionally to be cancelled for want of players. Membership fees did not meet the current expenses like rent, replacement of equipment, marling, seeding, mowing and the numerous unforeseen incidentals that cause trouble when an organisation is underfinanced. At the



*Union Presentation to
Bishop Whelan, 1948*

*C. M. Wilson,
PPU President,
Bishop Joseph B. Whelan
CSSp,
Fr. Thomas Maguire,
CSSp,
College President
(behind)
Fr. Patrick O'Carroll,
CSSp,
Provincial Superior and
former Prefect (1926-28)*

end of the summer, the club was £25 in debt and the decision had to be made whether it could continue to function. The lease on the grounds in Cherryfield extended to 1951, but it was decided to wind up the club in order to avoid further debt.

Tennis

Since the grounds were leased in the name of the cricket club, the tennis club found itself homeless at the end of the season when the cricket club surrendered its lease. Brighton Square (one of the two Dublin 'squares' which are triangles) was considered in 1946, but on inspection it was found that the courts were not in a fit condition to be used that year. The club hon. treasurer, Mr Jack Brennan, generously took it on himself to accept responsibility for the club's debts, but the union refused and, after some correspondence and a meeting, the matter was resolved amicably. In view of subsequent events, it is interesting to note that the union discussed the possibility of gaining control of Rockbrook Tennis Club for the now defunct St Mary's LTC. Rockbrook had the use of the tennis courts in Kenilworth Square.

Mr J. Crean, newly appointed union hon. treasurer was asked to investigate this possibility and, at the following meeting in September, read a letter from Rockbrook offering to liquidate their club and transfer possession to St Mary's LTC on October 4, 1947. The sum of £99.5s.8d was to be paid for equipment and for the recently installed electricity. The rent would be £90 p.a. However, between that meeting and the next, on October 14, the ownership of the Square changed hands, and the new owner, Harry Cowan, was seeking planning permission to build houses. When this permission was refused, Mr Cowan put the property up for sale, and at the meeting of October 14, the union empowered Mr Crean to make enquiries into its possible purchase. At the October 28 meeting, Fr Maguire, the President, proposed that the college acquire the Kenilworth property initially and then transfer it to a suitable company formed by the union for the purpose. The matter would appear to have been in abeyance for some months. From January 1948 on, Mr J. J. Crean, the Hon. Treasurer of the union, ceased to attend meetings and became unavailable. In March, a letter from Mr Fionan Blair of Rockbrook LTC was read deploring the action of Mr Crean in accepting on behalf of the union the offer of Rockbrook to sell out and then reneging on it. The secretary was instructed to reply that Mr Crean had acted ultra vires and had no authority to pledge the union, but merely to make enquiries. In November 1948, a further letter from the

Rockbrook LTC informed the Union that they intended to cite the St Mary's College Union as the sole cause of the non-payment of their outstanding debts, because of the union's failure to honour Mr Crean's agreement.

When Kenilworth Square was finally in the possession of the college, the tennis club was revived in time for the 1949 season and was given the exclusive use of the courts at an annual rent of £60. The success of the first season surpassed all the expectations of the committee, according to *An Réalt*. "The membership, which is confined to past students of the college and members of the rugby club, with associate lady members, totalled well over 100. This large membership justifies the opinion of the founders of the Club that it supplies a long-felt want in social and sporting activities for the summer." W. D. Fagan, Hon. Sec.

In the continuing search for suitable playing fields for both past and present, it is interesting to note two other properties that came into consideration about this time. At the union committee meeting of January 31, 1947, attention was drawn to a property on Herbert Road, opposite Lansdowne Road rugby ground, which was up for sale with 20 acres attached. The asking price was £19,000. This property is now Marian College. Three years later, May 1950, the President, Fr Maguire, brought to the attention of the union committee a property of 13 acres for sale on Oaklands Drive, Rathgar, which might suit the rugby club. This is now part of St Luke's Hospital. One final attempt to acquire more land for the college came in 1951 when, once again the military field behind Lissenfield House was considered, and a deputation appointed under Captain Gerry Cox to meet the Minister for Defence regarding it. And once again the reply was negative.

In 1948 Dr Joe Whelan was appointed Vicar Apostolic of Owerri and the union determined to mark the occasion in a suitable way. A fund was set in motion to buy a suitable gift to be presented to him at the annual union dinner when he returned home from Africa in the autumn of that year. The gift was an Episcopal Pectoral Cross and Chain, which Bishop Whelan wore on all formal occasions. The rugby club was closely associated with the union in this gift and the Dinner, which was very successfully held in the Gresham Hotel.

Annual Dinner

Mention of the Annual Dinner, which was revived as a formal dress occasion as soon as the war ended, reminds us of the attempts made to hold the function in the college. Everyone felt that the college atmosphere was the most suitable for a past pupils function. However, expense, the bugbear which had stymied previous attempts, raised its head again. In those days, neither refrigeratory nor calefactory techniques had reached the standards of today, and the quotation from Lawlor & Mills was considered prohibitive. In April 1952, the first annual dinner was held in the college hall with 106 present. The report to the Union stated it was a success, and then, that a £21 loss was sustained on it. Quite a number of years were to pass before it was repeated.

RUGBY CLUB

Membership of the Rugby Club rose steadily if unspectacularly during the war years, keeping step, in fact, with the increase in numbers in the school itself. The pace quickened after the war and in 1948-49 the Club could field seven teams every week, which meant a playing membership of over 120. The facilities at Kimmage Grove were totally inadequate for such a flourishing membership, but as simple lessees of the grounds, there was little the club could do to improve them. The owner, Mrs Doherty, was approached with a view to outright purchase of the property, but she was not sure if she had the right to sell and also stated that the County Council had plans to acquire part of the lands for a road



Winners of Inaugural
Moran Cup, 1949

Back: C. O'Neill,
P. McDermott, R. Burke,
Fr. A. Seagrave,
M. Murphy,
M. Fitzgerald,
F. Fennel
Seated: J. Ryan,
D. P. O'Sullivan,
J. Fearon, M. Gilsenan,
W. Scott, R. Maher,
M. Clancy
Front: K. Gilmer,
M. Cronin

and housing. In the event, the land was submerged in College Drive and the surrounding housing.

Nothing daunted by the primitive facilities, the playing members, and with such inadequate 'comforts', 'pavilion members' were at a premium, set about their task of playing rugby with a will. Under the captaincy, first of Tom Bergin and then of Oliver Byrne, Paddy Bolger and Maurice Corrigan, they continued the St Mary's tradition of open, 15-man football, adding flair to well-mastered technique.

Bective Rangers were the first opponents in the Cup in 1947-48 and St Mary's had a good win, 13-3. The second round brought them up against Palmerston and two penalties were the only scores in a scrappy, forward struggle. This brought a semi-final confrontation with Trinity who were 11-0 winners. The final was an all-university clash, UCD v. TCD, won by UCD.

The 1948-49 season was to set the club on winning ways again after the sterile years following their return to senior status. The captains for that season were: 1st XV, Oliver J. Byrne again, with Terry Coveney as vice capt.; 2nd XV, T. B. Kearns (R. Swan); 3rd XV, Bill Hogarty (P. Fearon); 3rd A XV, Matt Gilsenan (W. D. Scott); 3rd B XV, J. J. Hennigan (J. Kenny).

The 1st XV made an inglorious departure in the first round of the Cup when they were beaten 9-3 by Monkstown, although they were considered a reasonably useful team. However, the 2nd XV led the way by reaching the final of the Junior League in which they were narrowly beaten by the old enemy, Terenure, in appalling weather and ground conditions which helped neither side. The match was played on the back pitch in Donnybrook. Then the 3rd XV went one better. They were unbeaten in the League and easily defeated UCD in the final. Let the *Irish Independent* tell the story:

St Mary's College scored a good win over University College, Dublin, in the final of the Minor League at Donnybrook yesterday, winning by a dropped goal and two tries to a try.

The winners were always the cleverer side and once they got on top,

played delightful open football, only strong defensive play on the part of UCD keeping the score down.

D. McCarville gave UCD the lead with a try, but St Mary's equalised just on the interval when L. Lynch had a similar score. Liam Donnelly (try) and D. O'Brien (dropped goal) scored for St Mary's in the second half.

There was a reception in the college hall for the team after the match at which the captain, Bill Hogarty, presented the cup to the President, Fr Maguire.

Until the 48-49 season there had been no competition for the 3rd A XV's. That year a cup was presented by P. V. Moran of Clontarf RFC for competition among the 3rd A teams of senior clubs and their equivalents in a knock-out competition at the end of the playing season. P. V. Moran was president of the Leinster Branch that year. Under the inspirational leadership of Matt Gilsenan, the team were unbeaten throughout the season, scoring an average of 30 points in every match. And in doing so, served up some champagne rugby, as the following extract from a daily newspaper shows:

MINOR RUGBY PLAYERS SHOW HOW

After all, I said to myself, the rugby season is going out in a blaze of glory. I was not thinking of our double Triple Crown. I was sitting in the new stand in Lansdowne Road, a cold wind ruffling my hair, but I would not have felt even snow.

I was looking at the best exhibition of good, well-balanced, and skilful rugby I have seen there for years.

The thousands who attended the dreary rounds of the Leinster Cup, and the almost as dreary rounds of the Schools Cups, should have stuck it out just a little longer. ~~The unregarded 3rd A teams of Belvedere and St Mary's~~ in the final of the Moran Cup, with just a few people present, played football that shamed their seniors – fast, open, intelligent play, hardly a forward pass or a dropped pass, kicking, when it was done at all, intelligent, and an all-round competence and combination on both sides.

Thanks, lads. Seniors of the day after tomorrow, keep it up!

P. S. O'H.

ST MARY'S WIN FINAL

St Mary's College won the Moran Cup, the new trophy for competition among 3rd A teams at Lansdowne Road yesterday, by beating Old Belvedere in the final by a penalty goal, a dropped goal and two tries (12 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) in a match that provided any amount of good back play.

St Mary's got off to a good start when D. O'Sullivan crossed for a try, but Belvedere replied with tries from D. Cagney and M. McDonald, the first being converted by W. O'Leary. St Mary's struck back and W. Scott had a dropped goal and D. O'Sullivan a try to give them a one point lead at halftime. Just on full time W. Scott kicked a penalty for St Mary's.

New ground was broken in another direction at the end of the 48-49 season when the St Mary's 2nds went abroad as the first team to represent the Club overseas. They went to Manchester in January and defeated a strong St Bede's Old Boys team, 18-3.

Two St Mary's 'exiles', Benny Lynch and Alfie McGloughlin, travelled from London and Liverpool, respectively, to take part in the match. Benny had been turning out for London-Irish while studying there.

In the next season, 1949-50, under the captaincy of Willie Scott (Robbie Burke, vice-capt.), the 3rd A. although not unbeaten during the year, reached the final of the Moran Cup once more where they met Wanderers, and according to the press reports, had little difficulty beating them 22-0.

W. Scott, the St Mary's out-half, had a field day, scoring ten points and having a hand in all the other scores . . . (his) handling and strong running would have served as a lesson to many a senior player.

No tangible trophies were won in 1950-51, but immense satisfaction from playing rugby the way it should be played. One sports-writer, quoted by club captain, Maurice Corrigan, in *An Réalt*, "when summing up the past rugby season, awarded the palm for fast open football to three clubs, Belvedere, Bective Rangers and St Mary's". *An Réalt* editor, Brian Gogan, summed up the season for St Mary's thus: "Looking at the club as a whole, we can say that it is the equal of any club in Leinster".

DRAMATICS

In 1948 St Mary's Dramatic Society was revived by a group of recent past pupils who included Desmond Dempsey, Paddy Funge, Matt Gilsenan, Jim Kenny, Colm Keegan and Myles Cousins. In the autumn of that year, the union committee was actively pursuing the revival of the L & D Society which had not been active for a number of years, when two of the recent past came to a meeting in September 23, 1948, with a proposal. They said that they had formed a Dramatic Society with about fifteen members and were seeking affiliation with the union on the same lines as the rugby club. They would not need financial aid from the union and would submit all plays to the president of the college for approval before putting them into production. After some discussion and clarification, Fr Ernest Farrell proposed that the union welcome the proposal and make a final decision when they had read the Society's Constitution. This motion was carried unanimously. At that same meeting, a committee composed of the union president, Fr Farrell, Fr Wat Kennedy, the union hon. sec. and hon. treasurer, was appointed to seek the revival of the Literary & Debating Society.

At the meeting of November 11, the Constitution of the Dram. Soc. was read and some amendments suggested. Fr Farrell was asked to help the society to amend certain clauses. This was done and, on Nov. 25, the amended constitution was accepted and in the presence of Matt Gilsenan and Colm Keegan, the society was officially affiliated to the St Mary's Union.

The first production of the new society was the melodrama, *Rope*, which was successfully presented in January, 1949. Within three years, the young company was receiving notices like these:

A group that I like to keep track of – because of their serious and efficient approach to their work – is the St Mary's Past Students Dramatic Society, and in Colm Keegan they have one of Dublin's most polished actors.

Irish Press

That this Society is in the first flight of our amateur theatrical groups was once more demonstrated by their excellent production of *It Pays To Advertise*. It was refreshing to see such teamwork.

Evening Mail

... The audience was obviously expecting good value and they certainly got it in the shape of a play of great intensity produced by those *brilliant* amateurs on a plane comparable to any show in town.

Irish Press

Comedy presents great difficulties to amateurs, but you wouldn't believe that if you saw St Mary's teamwork. These young people literally took my breath away with their speed and efficiency. They were out to get laughs and they got them as effectively as a good cricket XI gets runs, by discipline and teamwork rather than by selfish individualism.

Yet, it was difficult for them to conceal the fact that they have in Gabriel Dempsey a great comedian-in-making – possibly a Durante without the schnozzle!

Gabriel Fallon – The Standard

This excellent group can always be relied upon for a well-dressed, carefully rehearsed show in attractive settings, and their current effort is no exception.

G. O'Reilly – Evening Herald

Among the successful productions of this period were: *Rope*; *Peter*; *The Rigordans*; *Red Rainbow*; *It Pays To Advertise*, a succession of outstanding successes outranking even those of the halcyon days of the original St Mary's Dramatic Society of the early years of the century. And more was to follow, as we shall see.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
Thomas Reynolds	(1931-35)	1947	CSSp. Nigeria. +1948
Gerard O'Brien	(1931-39)	1950	OCSO. St Ninian's
Vincent Stubbs	(1937-40)	1947	Capetown, S.A.
Francis Leahy	(1934-36)	1949	CSSp. Nigeria
John Leahy	(1937-42)	1949	Dublin Diocese
Patrick Seery	(1938-43)	1950	Dublin Diocese
William Maher	(1939-40)	1950	CSSp. Nigeria, PNG.
Denis Kinsella	(1943-44)	1950	OCSO. Roscrea

*The author celebrating
his first Mass
in the College Oratory
after his ordination on
July 16th, 1950.*



Chapter Fourteen

1951-1957



President
Very Rev Fr Joseph Gilmore

REVEREND FATHERS

Peter J. Walsh – Vice-President (1951-66)
Terry O'Brien – Dean, Junior School (1951-66)
George Lahiffe – Bursar (1950-52)
Dr Michael Kennedy – Bursar (1952-57)
Patrick J. Murray – Dean, Studies (1942-53)
Maurice Curtin – Dean, Studies (1953-55)
William O'Connor – Dean, Studies (1955-62)
Francis C. Barry – Dean, Discipline (1952-69)
Walter Kennedy – Professor (1943-74)
Garry McCarthy – Professor (1949-54)
Joseph Brennan – Professor (1951-53)
Samuel Moore – Professor (1953-58)
Patrick Campbell – Professor (1954-59)
Declan Crowley – Professor (1954-55)
Martin Maiben – Professor (1954-84)
Thomas Clerkin – Professor (1954-55)
William McKenna – Professor (1955-59)
Matthew Dillon – Professor (1956)
Gerry Lord – Professor (1956-79)
Michael Lavelle – Professor (1956-57)

REVEREND BROTHER

Mary Cronan Kennedy

REVEREND PREFECTS

Aidan Lehane
Michael Wasser
Raymond Maher
Martin O'Quigley
Richard Quinn
Jeremiah Creedon
Patrick O'Loughlin
Francis Conlon
Robert Deadman
Manuel Rodriguez
Oliver Ellis
Peter M. Siung
Vincent O'Connell
Anthony Heerey

Colm Corrigan
James Corry
William McGough
Patrick Murphy
Kevin Browne
Patrick Reedy
Anthony Geoghegan
Brian Gogan
Patrick Comerford
E. Jardim
Patrick Mullan
Colm Cunningham
Joseph Murphy
Peter Hughes

Odran Maguire
Myles Fay
Henry Farrelly
Michael Reynolds
Liam Devlin
Patrick O'Driscoll
Bernard O'Flynn
Thomas Cromien
Aloysius Flood
Noel Delaney
Kevin Corrigan
Declan Dorr
Michael Brosnan
Vincent Browne

LAY PROFESSORS

John Gallagher – (1926-57)
Michael Nagle – (1927-62)
Arthur Barrett – (1928-62)
Philip McCabe – (1942-73)
Seamus Malone – (1955-59+)
Miss Maura Cranny – Elocution
Miss Kathleen Uhleman – Singing (1949-52)
Leo Maguire – Singing (1952-55)

H.DIP. CANDIDATES

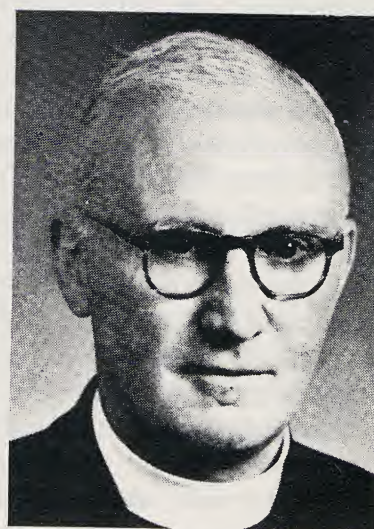
Charles Kiernan
James Collins
Brendan Kelly



Maurice Curtin, CSSp.



Terry O'Brien, CSSp.



William O'Connor, CSSp.

Joseph Gilmore, CSSp.

FR GILMORE was born in Ballyhaunis, county Mayo, in 1890, the same year as the birth of St Mary's, which was to become the whole of his life for more than forty years. On leaving school he had joined the Augustinian Brothers and taught in their school in New Ross. However, the idea of becoming a priest persisted in his mind and eventually he applied to enter the Holy Ghost Fathers. He lived in St Mary's while attending UCD during the years of the closure, and his companions at that time included three future archbishops, McQuaid of Dublin, Heerey of Onitsha and McCarthy of Nairobi. He was ordained in St Mary's in 1923 and he said his last Mass at the very altar where he had said his first Mass forty-seven years before. He was appointed to Tanganyika in 1924 and built and opened the first Teacher-Training College in Cuiga-Chini, which flourishes to this day. Two of his African students of that time became bishops, Joseph Kilasara and Joseph Sipendi. Ill health forced him to return home in 1932 and he was appointed to St Mary's where he spent the rest of his life. In 1934 he became the first Dean of the newly formed Junior School and remained in that post until he was appointed President of the College in 1951.

All his life he was interested in art and painting and was a frequent visitor to galleries and exhibitions. He produced plays, concerts, operettas, musicals in the senior and junior schools, and was a competent violinist himself. He painted the scenery himself for many of his productions. A new stage was constructed the year after he came to St Mary's and it was Fr Gilmore who painted the proscenium and the surrounds, spending hours at a time precariously suspended on a ladder or plank up near the ceiling, humorously likening himself to Michaelangelo working on the Sistine ceiling. He enjoyed doing water-colours in what little free time he could find, which was not much. He was Chaplain to the Holy Faith Convent, the Coombe, for years, cycling there every morning in all kinds of weather, before a full day of teaching and administration and supervision.

He was President from 1951-57, when he suffered a stroke and had to retire from active work. High blood pressure and failing sight inhibited his activity in his last years, but could not dim his interest in all the activities of the school. He spent those days in prayer and reading, keeping his wonderful sense of humour to the last. Every boy or parent who came in contact with him during those forty years will revere his memory.

1956 saw the retirement of the first lay professor of the post-closure era, Mr John Gallagher, M.A. after thirty years of devoted service to the college. Born in 1894 in Donegal, he went to UCD in 1912 where he took French and the Classics, with a Master's in Classics. He taught first in Mount Mellary, in 1916, and went to Rockwell in 1919 where he remained until 1926. In that year St Mary's was re-opened and Dr O'Neill was transferred from Rockwell to be Dean of Studies. He took with him the young Classics master from Rockwell, who spent the rest of his teaching career in St Mary's. He married Honoria Scanlan in 1927 and they had five children. The three boys, Kevin, Brendan and Niall all went to St Mary's. Academically, his great love was the Classics in which he was a recognised authority. He produced a number of school texts on Cicero and Virgil, and was called upon on many occasions to give radio talks on the history of Greek and Roman civilization. A serious car accident in 1954 resulted in a long period of hospitalization and treatment. 1956-57 was his last year in St Mary's. Increasing debility forced him to retire rather prematurely, to the great loss to the College and students. He survived for another fifteen years under the devoted care of his wife.

Tosac maith, leath na hoibre, says the old Irish proverb. When the college re-opened in 1926 it was essential that it get away to a sound academic start. John Gallagher helped considerably to give it that sound start, on which future staff members were able to build.



College Community, 1952

Back: G. McCarthy, F. Barry, T. O'Brien, W. Kennedy, J. Brennan, S. Moore
Seated: M. Curtin, Dr. Harnett, J. Gilmore, C. Connors (Mother House), P. Walsh, M. Kennedy.

DEVELOPMENT

It was during the Presidency of Fr Gilmore that the development in the fabric of St Mary's became most noticeable to the passer-by on the Rathmines Road since 1891 occurred. We have already seen how the increasing numbers, consequent on the 1939-45 war, necessitated the building of a classroom block for the senior school. But, as this was a single storey affair, it made little difference to the skyline as viewed from the main road. In the plan for that development space was set aside for a college chapel (at the insistence of the Provincial Council). Wartime restrictions as well as shortage of money postponed the building of this chapel, and the old chapel, above the junior school classrooms, was considered adequate for the time being. However, the time came when it was no longer adequate, accommodating, as it did, only 250 boys. One of Fr Gilmore's first concerns on assuming the presidency was the provision of a chapel large enough to accommodate the very increased number of boys on the roll, which by now was in the region of 500. The architects, Robinson, Keeffe & Devane, made sketches of the proposed buildings in November, 1951, and these were approved in March 1952. Tenders for the building were received by January 1953 and the work started by Messrs W. & J. Bolger, Ltd. in April of that year.

The additions consisted of:

1. A chapel, 35' x 72', with a semi-circular apse and a gallery. Total seating accommodation for 400.

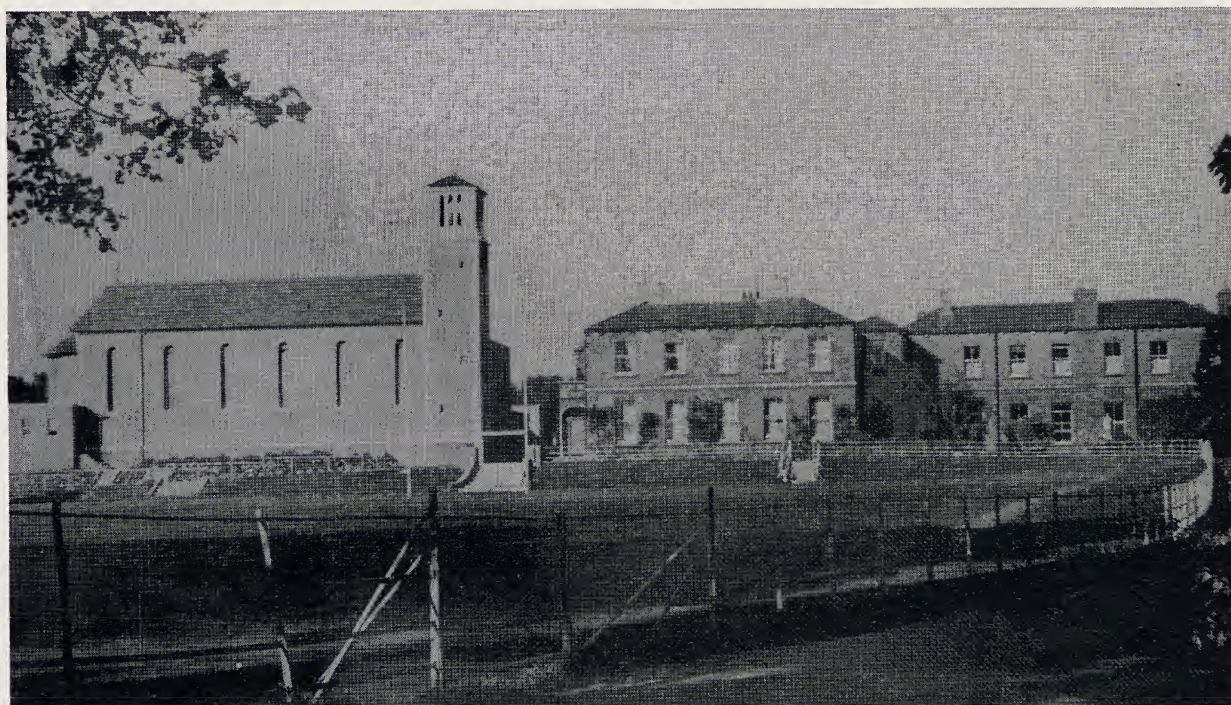
2. Three additional classrooms, 18' x 17', a Science Room, 29'6" x 21', a store room, all on the ground floor with increased sanitary facilities.
3. Four classrooms and a sanitary block in an additional storey to the existing one-storey building.
4. An Art Room and accommodation for seven staff in the new section.

The estimated cost of the buildings was about £57,000, with £3,000 for architects' fees and £5,000 for furnishings. The Provincial Administration of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers promised a grant of £10,000, while the college had laid aside over the years about £20,000 for this purpose. It was hoped that the balance of the money could be borrowed from the Provincial Administration at a reasonable rate of interest and repaid by means of fund-raising activities.

The first effect of the new buildings, from the point of view of the man-in-the-street or in the No. 15 bus, was to change radically the skyline and the frontage of the college. The focus of attention was changed from the Victorian façade of the original house to the bell-tower of the new imposing chapel, whose large expanse of red-brick wall has been softened in time by a growth of elegant shrubs and trees.

THE COLLEGE CHAPEL

An endeavour was made to plan the chapel in keeping with tradition and simplicity. It consists of a rectangular nave with a circular apsidal end containing the high altar. There is an organ loft approached by a fireproof stairs from the school corridor. A rectangular bell-tower was constructed over this staircase. Surmounted by a simple Latin cross in gold, its white granite stands out in pleasing contrast with the rustic brick and blue slate of the main structure. It is an added embellishment to the Rathmines district, standing as it does sixty feet high on the low rise above the main road and suitably set off by a stretch of green playing field in front.



St. Mary's College, 1956, showing the new College Chapel.

*View of new
Senior School
Extension, 1954*



The windows of the church are circular-headed and glazed with leaded lights in which the old Irish cross motifs from the ancient monastery of Clonmacnoise have been embodied. Their height is noteworthy. The internal walls of the nave have been panelled to a height of eight feet with mahogany. The ceiling design consists of coffering which enhances the appearance and has a definite acoustic value. Its height gives an effect of amplitude to the nave.

Teak block was selected for the flooring with central aisle and transverse aisle in Italian mosaics. The simplicity, dignity and beauty of design are continued in the sanctuary which is executed in coloured marbles – black and gold in the risers of the steps, with treads in white and black pavanazzo. Two pairs of Etruscan marble columns bear up the high altar. The altar table is a slab of beautiful black Kilkenny marble, weighing a ton and a half. The recessed frontal of rich onyx with its German cross in white Carrara marble as centrepiece serves to make it the focal point of the church. Candlesticks, crosses, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp and wall brackets for lights – all of polished bronze – complete the harmony of design. Externally the church is faced with red brick, with granite dressings to the windows, quoins etc. The roof is covered with Killaloe slate.

MOSAICS

The use of tessellated work formed of cubes of glass, marble, ceramic materials, precious stones, embedded in cement to give an ornamental pattern is almost as old as civilisation itself. There is mention of a pavement of sapphire stones in the Book of Exodus (ch.xxiv). The art was known to the Persians, Egyptians, Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans. It is under the last that its greatest development took place in the ancient world. Numerous tessellated pavements from places as far apart as Carthage, England, Dalmatia, Germany and France, as well as glass mosaics from such places as Pompeii, show to what extent the Romans used it to embellish their dwellings and public buildings. That the early Christians made use of this form of ornamentation is evident from the many examples



*The meeting of Abraham
and Melchizedek
(Gen: 14:18)*

*One of the mosaics
on the floor of the
new chapel.*

of mosaics found in the catacombs. By the fourth century the church had adopted it as a vehicle of Christian art and the still-extant works of Ravenna (5th cent.) and of Santa Sophia, Constantinople (6th cent.) testify to the magnificence and perfection achieved in such a comparatively short time.

As a medium of church decoration, both for durability and all-round beauty, mosaics have held the supremacy over the fresco, mural, canvas and even over the kaleidoscopic sparkle of stained glass. Down the ages, the greatest artists of the church have depicted through this medium, in pleasing harmony of design and colour, the truths of the faith and scenes from the Bible. Before the invention of printing, before even the advent of the coloured window, the great truths learned orally were kept constantly before the mind of the worshipper, the simple as well as the learned, in this way. If his gaze fell on the pavements of the aisles of his church, he saw before him the symbols of the mysteries of his faith – the lamb, the cross, the fish, the loaves, the sheaf, etc.; should his eyes look up to the ceiling in pious ejaculation or distracted wandering, they encountered Our Lord, Our Lady or the saints or martyrs in some episode of their lives, and his thoughts were borne heavenwards.

The mosaics in the centre aisle of the college chapel were executed in the Italian tradition. The figures are conventional; the subdued colours harmonize in a very pleasing effect. The subjects treated are the three sacrifices of the Old Testament recalled in the Mass. First there is the sacrifice of Abel who offered the firstlings of his flock – 'And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offerings' (Genesis, iv:4). In the next, Abraham is about to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, when he is stayed by the Hand of God – 'Now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me' (Gen. xxii:12). Before the steps of the sanctuary we see Melchizedek, the King of Salem, blessing Abraham and offering his sacrifice of bread and wine – 'For he was a priest of the Most High God' (Gen. xiv:22). These sacrifices of the Old Law, which as St Paul says was a shadow of the good things to come, prefigured the sacrifice of the cross by which Christ has redeemed mankind and which he has perpetuated in the sacrifice of the Mass.

So, the mosaics of our oratory, through the quiet figures and colours of the tesserae, lead us through the Old Testament and fix our gaze on the altar where is renewed daily the clean oblation spoken of by Malachi, the Prophet: 'From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof my name is great among the Gentiles and in every place there is sacrifice and there is offered to my name a clean oblation, saith the Lord of Hosts'. (Mal. i:11).

The above account is taken from articles written by Fr Frank Barry for the College Annual.

THE APSE

While the college chapel was built by 1954, it took until 1961 for the delicate and intricate decorative work to be completed. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Universe in 1954, the centenary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and it was decided to dedicate the college chapel to Our Lady. Thus, she is depicted under the title of Queen of the Universe in the magnificent mosaic that covers the apse behind the altar. She is seated on golden clouds, a sceptre in one hand, and the sphere of the world in the other. She is represented as a crowned Queen, seated beside her Son, Christ the King, who holds in his hands a book with Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end) written on it in large letters.

Around the two figures, which are in the Byzantine style, there is a circle with the colours of the rainbow, outside which can be seen flashing golden rays issuing from the brilliant gold mosaic immediately round the figures. Arranged underneath, but infinitely far away are the figures of St Michael the Archangel, leaning on his shield in an attitude of profound respect and adoration; St John the Baptist on one knee, holding the tiny banner of the cross; St Peter with the keys and holding a book, is

*The main altar with
frescoes in
pre-Vatican II days.
The position of the altar
meant that the priest said
Mass with his back to
the congregation.*



humbly represented at a distance, and St Paul, holding the sword of his execution, stands opposite St Peter.

Below the four figures is a richly decorated plain – and this stands on a highly ornamented border which runs right round the apse, nine or ten feet from the floor. The panel effect under this border corresponds, more or less, to the mahogany panelling in the nave of the chapel.

On the ceiling of the apse is the dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

The mosaic of the surround to the apse is dominated by the figure of God the Father with four angels at either side with incense, symbolizing the prayers of the Church, while below are the figures of the Sacred Heart on the left and St Joseph on the right.

The whole is a work of art, and, while it is brilliant in appearance and rich in design, it is in no way foreign to the simple architecture of the building. (*College Annual 1961*).

While the design of the chapel and its ornamentation was the work of the architects and the craftsmen in their various disciplines, the whole effect owes much to the ideas of Dr Michael Kennedy, who became Bursar in the college just as the project got off the ground, and it was under his supervision that the work was carried out.

The foundation stone of the new chapel was laid on July 29, 1953, in a fairly simple ceremony since it was during the summer holidays. Officiating was Very Rev. Monsignor

Foundation-Stone Laid NEW CHAPEL AND SCHOOLS FOR ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

The foundation-stone of a new College Chapel and new school buildings was laid at St. Mary's College, Rathmines. The ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Monsignor Patrick Dargan, M.A., D.D., V.G., P.P., Rathgar, delegated by the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid. First Assistant to Monsignor Dargan was Very Rev. P. O'Carroll, C.S.Sp., D.D., Provincial; Second Assistant was Very Rev. J. J. Gilmore, C.S.Sp., President, St. Mary's College.

Also present at the ceremony were Very Rev. J. Canon Neary, P.P., Rathmines; Very Rev. T. O'Driscoll, C.S.Sp., Superior, Holy Ghost Missionary College, Kimmage; Very Rev. V. G. Dinan, C.S.Sp., Superior, Blackrock College; Very Rev. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., National Director of the Holy Childhood Association; Very Rev. P. O'Connor, C.S.Sp., Superior, Holy Ghost Novitiate, Kilshane, Co. Tipperary; Very Rev. E. Farrell, P.P., Finglas; Rev. P. J. Walshe, C.S.Sp.; Rev. M. Kennedy, C.S.Sp., and Rev. T. O'Brien, C.S.Sp., of St. Mary's College, also attended.



Rear view of new wing and Apse of new Chapel.

Dargan, PP, VG, Rathgar, assisted by the Very Revv. Patrick O'Carroll, Provincial Superior, and Joseph Gilmore, Superior and President, St Mary's College. In a cavity in the stone were laid a parchment with an account of the ceremony, some medals and coins. Apart from clergy, the following were present: Mr Robert Pidgeon, President of the Union; Mr Keefe, architect; Mr Bolger, contractor; Messrs G. & T. Kavanagh, surveyors; Mr Byrne, engineer. The Titular of the Chapel is St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions.

By November 1953 the roof was being put on and by the end of January the tower was completed. Building outside walls and putting on roofs are the quickest part of building, interiors take longer. It was not until the following December that the one and a half ton black Kilkenny marble altar was being put in place. The mosaic floor began on January 18, 1955, and was completed in eight days. On Easter Sunday, 1955 the first Mass was celebrated in the new college chapel, and one week later, as soon as school had re-opened after the Easter vacation, the first school Mass was celebrated. The formal blessing of the chapel was put off until autumn when the Archbishop himself would be free to perform it. The first Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, which was attended by all the Fund-raising committees. The school choir was directed and trained by Fr Martin Maiben. The beautiful Stations of the Cross were erected on September 20, together with the reliquary containing a relic of the True Cross.

The solemn blessing of the new chapel and new school by Archbishop John Charles McQuaid, CSSp, took place on January 16, 1957, the feast of the the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners. The boys lined the avenue to welcome the Archbishop while the Scout Troop provided a Guard of Honour. Archdeacon Neary, PP Rathmines, with many local clergy was present as well as the Minister for Education, General Richard Mulcahy, TD, who had occupied with his family for many years Lissenfield, the house next to the college, of which the college grounds had once been part.

FR TERRY O'BRIEN

Fr Gilmore's accession to the Presidency, left a vacancy in the Junior School that looked unfillable, but as so often happens, came the hour, came the man. In this case, the man was Fr Terry O'Brien, a big and generous man in every sense of the word, who endeared himself to hundreds of boys who passed through his hands during the fifteen years he spent as Dean of the Junior School. Born in Bray, county Wicklow, he did his secondary studies in the Rockwell Junior Scholasticate, his university degree in UCD and his theology studies in Kimmage Manor where he was ordained in 1943. In 1944 he was appointed to the missions and served for six years in Nigeria before poor health forced his return to a kinder climate. His return to good health coincided with the vacancy for Dean in St Mary's and Fr Terry began his second career and made his own the post of guiding and administering a school of over 200 pupils until his unexpected death in 1966 at the early age of 51. The flood of messages of condolence, the Mass Cards and flowers and crowds at his funeral, bore ample testimony to the impression he had made on the parents of the boys in his care.

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITIES

An undertaking as massive as a new senior school and college chapel meant taking on the burden of a tremendous debt, which, on its own, the school could never hope to clear in a reasonable period of time. When the problem was put to the parents and the past pupils early on in the life of the project, they responded magnificently, and in 1953 a Building Fund Committee, with Mr Charles M. Wilson as president, was formed, and immediately set about organising fund-raising activities. These, with experience, were reduced mainly

*Building Fund
Committee*

Back: S. Lane, W. Balfe,
T. Sadlier, B. O'Connell,
J. Bannon, S. Baily
Centre: G. Costello,
L. Lea, W. Fitzgerald,
W. Cooper, B. Lyons,
A. Barrett,
M. O'Mahony
Seated: J. Bermingham,
C. Walker,
Fr. T. O'Brien,
C. Wilson, M. Nagle.



to three, the Annual Sale of Work, held in the Mansion House in November, the Annual Fashion Parade in the spring and the Annual Samacora Gymkhana, held in Kenilworth Square in May/June, usually. No words can describe either the amount of work undertaken or the camaraderie generated by the members of the committees and their generous helpers over the years.

The Annual Sale of Work was most successful, because of the tireless efforts of the ladies who 'manned' the stalls and furnished them artistically with an extraordinary variety of wares; to the men who erected them and helped in countless ways; and to those who organised concerts, whist drives, bridge parties, and film shows to provide the wherewithal to purchase the materials and commodities for the stalls. Fr Terry O'Brien was the Director of the Sale of Work for many years and had a committee of about sixty ladies and twenty men, all parents of boys attending the school or past pupils. They met every second Wednesday of the month in the college with Mr Charles Wilson in the chair. The first meeting in January of each year was devoted to organising the stalls. On this depended the success or failure of the three days spent in the Mansion House. Once the stalls were decided on and the helpers assigned, each stall worked as a separate unit, organising its own small functions to raise the money to buy the materials and goods with which to fill its stall. These functions, like card parties, jumble sales, film shows, were enjoyable affairs and generated interest in the project as well as funds. The monthly committee meetings were mainly to keep every stall in touch with what every other stall was doing, so as not to have functions overlapping or poaching another's territory, and for an exchange of ideas. There was a lull for the summer holidays, but things livened up after that until activity reached a fever pitch as November approached. The three days of the Sale were hectic, with raffles going on all the time and crises arising and being solved at every hand's turn. But at the end of it all, the workers were amply rewarded by knowing that the Treasurer had been able to bank a sizeable amount of money against the debt on the college new building. (Abridged from an article by S.K. in the 1958 *College Annual*)

The Spring Fashion Display was usually held in the Gresham Hotel. Mrs Naughton was the organiser for many years, in conjunction with the Miriam Woodbyrne Mannequin

Agency, and it grew to be one of the most popular and successful of its kind, as the following extract from the *Irish Tatler and Sketch* shows:

Fashion comes to us here in Dublin in the most pleasant guises. At a recent show in the Gresham Hotel, faultlessly organised by Mary Naughton in aid of the St Mary's College Building Fund, patrons received, free gratis and for nothing, a blue-and-gold gift box containing 'Tawny Port' lipstick and matching nail varnish by Cutex; some tissues from the Scottie people, and the audience sat in a hall bedecked with beautiful flowers, and listened to soft music from Mai Young at the piano.

The Annual Gymkhana also established itself quickly in the hearts of all who owned horses, or rode them, or just liked to look at them moving gracefully over the jumps. The scene in Kenilworth Square was one to delight the heart of any horse-lover or lover of beauty. The setting was ideal; the course a credit to the Gentlemen's Committee who had worked so hard to lay it out and prepare the fences and obstacles. Every year the attendance grew and was most appreciative of a splendid afternoon's entertainment. As well they might, because the cream of Irish Show-jumping took part, Miss Iris Kellett, Miss Penny Moreton, Capt. Ian. Hume-Dudgeon, Leslie Fitzpatrick, Tommy Wade, Diana Connolly-Carew, Seamus Hayes, as well as horses like Dundrum, Hi Society, Go Lightly, Bali Hi, Short Lessons, Rolling Stone which were household names in Ireland. (from the 1959 *College Annual*)

In 1961 the *Irish Independent* reported:

There was a record attendance at the Annual Samacora Gymkhana, held in Kenilworth Square. The outstanding competition of the day was the open jumping event, which featured two riders and four horses of the



Gymkhana at Kenilworth

Gymkhana
Programme
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1962

Samacora Gymkhana
(Affiliated to the S.J.A.I.)

In aid of St. Mary's College, New Church & Building Extension Fund

KENILWORTH SQUARE, RATHGAR
on
SUNDAY, 27th MAY, 1962
at 2 p.m. sharp

Patron:
Very Rev. M. KENNEDY, C.S.Sp.

Chairman:
C. M. WILSON.

Judges of Jumping:
B. J. FITZPATRICK; Rev. M. KENNEDY, C.S.Sp.; S. LANE;
M. J. O'BRIEN; MRS. PEARD.
Prof. P. E. MULLANEY, M.R.C.V.S.

S.J.A.I. Steward: COL. J. J. LEWIS

Chief Steward:
F. REDDY.

Chief Fence Steward:
R. EGAN.

Hon. Referee:
F. R. DOHERTY.

Hon. Treasurer:
C. WALKER.

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon:
MARTIN BYRNE, M.R.C.V.S.

Hon. Registrar: J. A. KAVANAGH, F.S.I. *Hon. Registrar S.J.A.I.:* MRS. PEARD.

Ambulance Service:
IRISH RED CROSS.

Hon. Secretary:
L. A. LEA.

Hon. Call Stewards:
D. MARTIN, M. HARPER, N. O'BROLCHAIN

NOTE—Every care will be taken, but no responsibility or liability can be accepted for Accidents to Horses, Riders or Members of the Public.

Programme - - **ONE SHILLING**

Irish Civilian Jumping Team, competing in Continental shows in two weeks' time.

The standard of jumping in this event was by far the best at any local gymkhana this season, with almost every fence at six feet and the spread fences with a spread of seven feet.

Tommy Wade on Dundrum, last year's outstanding jumping combination, gave a capital display of faultless show jumping. With three clear rounds this partnership won decisively from Iris Kellett on Short Lessons and Seamus Hayes on Kilrush.

The 1961 *College Annual* congratulated Tommy Wade, "a faithful supporter of our Gymkhana, on his magnificent successes on his great little Dundrum – well known to Kenilworth attendances – at the Dublin Horse Show and, more recently, at the Horse of the Year Show in London. On both occasions he showed himself the superior of the best show jumpers in Europe.

Among the more unusual fund-raising activities were a Fancy-dress competition on January 24, 1954, which attracted over 300 entrants. Another was a Dog Show in March, 1955, which attracted over 280 entrants. The judging was done in the main hall, while sheep-dog trials took place as a demonstration in the front field. This was repeated equally successfully for the next two years, and augmented in August 1957 with an Alsatian Dog Training Demonstration in Kenilworth Square, and the following week by a Boxer Dog Training Demo. Obviously, much imagination and ingenuity were used to provide variety in the fund-raising, and with excellent results.

Ten years after it had begun its fund-raising activities, the committee was able to wind up its affairs, but to Charlie Wilson and the host of anonymous but generous helpers, the College owes a debt far greater than the one they helped to pay. May Our Blessed Mother reward them.

In 1952, while negotiations with architects, builders etc were proceeding, the upper, or back, field was totally transformed by being tar-macadammed. For years it had been not only an eyesore with its patchy grass and knee-high weeds in summer, a mud-bath in winter, but it was increasingly useless as a recreation area for the boys. Fr Barry describes the playing facilities up until then: "All St Mary's home matches were played in the front field. There were posts in the back field (the present yard) also. The Under-13 and Junior School matches were played there up to 1938. But this field was much smaller than the front. There was a rough neglected garden cut off from it where the gymnasium now stands. The field began from this boundary. The corner near the garage with the three chestnut trees was forbidden ground. The field itself was really a mass of weeds and became a bare mud-lake in the winter. There was no tarmac at all, even along the edge near the college. In 1939 a strip of tarmac was put there as a path. Everywhere else was mud, mud, mud. However, the boys played there.

"There were two very small sets of posts in what is the present quadrangle of the church – giving a little 'pitch' about 35 yards long and 30 broad. There at midday each day, dozens of juniors played life and death matches at lunch hour – in their ordinary clothes, of course".

The new college chapel and senior school extension ate into this area available for play during school hours, but the tar-macadam meant that a far greater number could use the area during the short breaks, while Kenilworth, as well as the front field, was available for more formal play after school hours.

The new college chapel meant the complete restructuring of the gateway and side entrance on the Military Road, in the course of which an embankment became available for the planting of shrubs and trees against the chapel wall, with the softening effect already

mentioned. The old oratory was transformed first into a dining-room and cubicles for the prefects, but later into rooms for the Fathers.

FEES

1953 saw an increase in school fees to offset, not the building debt, but the increased costs in running the school, and in particular, the cost of running and maintaining Kenilworth Square. The College Council decided to raise the fees in the senior school to 30 guineas per annum, and the junior school to 24 guineas, both to be paid half-yearly. In addition, there was a games fee of one guinea, 5/- for drill, 5/- for elocution and 5/- for singing, all of which needed a professional teacher.

ACADEMICS

Public examination results continued at about the same level, about 80 to 90% success, with 30 to 40% honours. There were always outstanding individual performances and even group performance. In the Inter Cert of 1951, 45 were presented and 43 got honours in English (18 honours overall). That year, Jim Byrne won a university scholarship and Fred Kelly a scholarship in the Inter, while gaining 14th place in Ireland. Des Moore got 10th place in the whole of Ireland in the Junior Executive Civil Service examination. Paddy Dowling got 1st place in arithmetic in Ireland, with full marks. The next year, Colm Caffrey won a university scholarship and 2nd place in Ireland overall. He gained 1st place in French, which won him the French Government Prize. Michael Burns got 100% in arithmetic and Paddy Dowling 100% in geometry in the Inter, while Philip Corcoran got 2nd place in Ireland in French in the Inter Cert. The following are the tabulated results of the Leaving and Inter Cert examinations:

<i>Leaving Certificate</i>					
<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons.</i>		<i>Pass</i>	
1952	23	6	(26%)	13	(83%)
1953	29	5	(17%)	24	(100%)
1954	31	8	(26%)	14	(70%)
1955	24	—		12	(50%)
1956	21	3	(14%)	14	(61%)
1957	31	4	(13%)	20	(77%)

<i>Intermediate Certificate</i>					
1952	36	16	(44%)	17	(91%)
1953	35	16	(45%)	13	(83%)
1954	48	13	(27%)	23	(75%)
1955	54	10	(18%)	20	(55%)
1956	42	13	(31%)	17	(71%)
1957	65	15	(23%)	29	(76%)

The numbers on the roll by the end of this period, 1957, were about 550, almost 300 in the Senior School and just over 250 in the Junior. The number of laymen and women on the staff had increased by just two, but the number of priests and prefects had increased considerably, which was a great help in reducing the debt on the school. It was a balance which was not to continue for long. The halcyon days of many vocations were to end all

too soon, but fortunately, by then the school's finances were in a better state than ever before in its history.

DRAMATICS

The Christmas play in 1951 was Molière's *The Miser* with Colm Brennan excellent in the name part, well supported by Stephen O'Brien, Eamon O'Toole and Noel Banahan. In January the Scout Unit presented their annual concert to large appreciative audiences. One item was a piano/violin duet from Neil Downes and Arthur Martin, the elder brother of Philip Martin, the international concert pianist/composer. Arthur forsook music for architecture in which he has carved out for himself a very successful career. The Junior School operetta in June was *Zurika*, produced by Fr Gilmore, assisted by Miss Cranny (Elocution) and Miss Timmins (Dancing).

December 1952 saw the production of a classic of another kind, a classic Irish melodrama from the pen of Dion Boucicault, *Arrah-na-Pogue*, with Des White, Francis Gallagher, Desmond Ellard and James Gibney in the leads. Fr Barry received a letter from Seamus Bourke, the playwright and manager of Bourke's Theatrical Costumiers, who quoted his brother, Lorcan, congratulating Fr Barry on the production, which he maintained was in many ways better than the Queen's Theatre production at its best. The Queen's was the Dublin theatre where melodrama reigned supreme for half a century. In January 1953, the scouts presented another successful concert of songs, sketches, gymnastics and musical items.

The summer of 1953 saw a departure from tradition. The Annual Distribution of Prizes had traditionally been the occasion for the junior school operetta. Fr Gilmore's departure from the Junior School created a gap which was not immediately filled, so instead of an operetta there was a concert of choral and solo verse-speaking, choral and solo singing, Irish step-dancing and piano solos. Miss Jill Noone was in charge of the elocution, Mr Leo Maguire of the choirs and singing, while Mrs Carmel Moore was the accompanist. The Christmas offering was a repeat of the 1938 success *The Speckled Band*, and for the first time admission was charged to the performances, in aid of the Building Fund. The first night, unfortunately, coincided with the ending of a Tridium to mark the opening of the Marian Year, December 8, 1953, and the hall was only one quarter full, but on the succeeding nights, the hall was full and it was a great success, with Kieran Keenan and Adrian Cronin in the parts of the sleuths, Holmes and Watson, with Maurice Doran, Gus Dennis and Victor Kelly in leading roles.

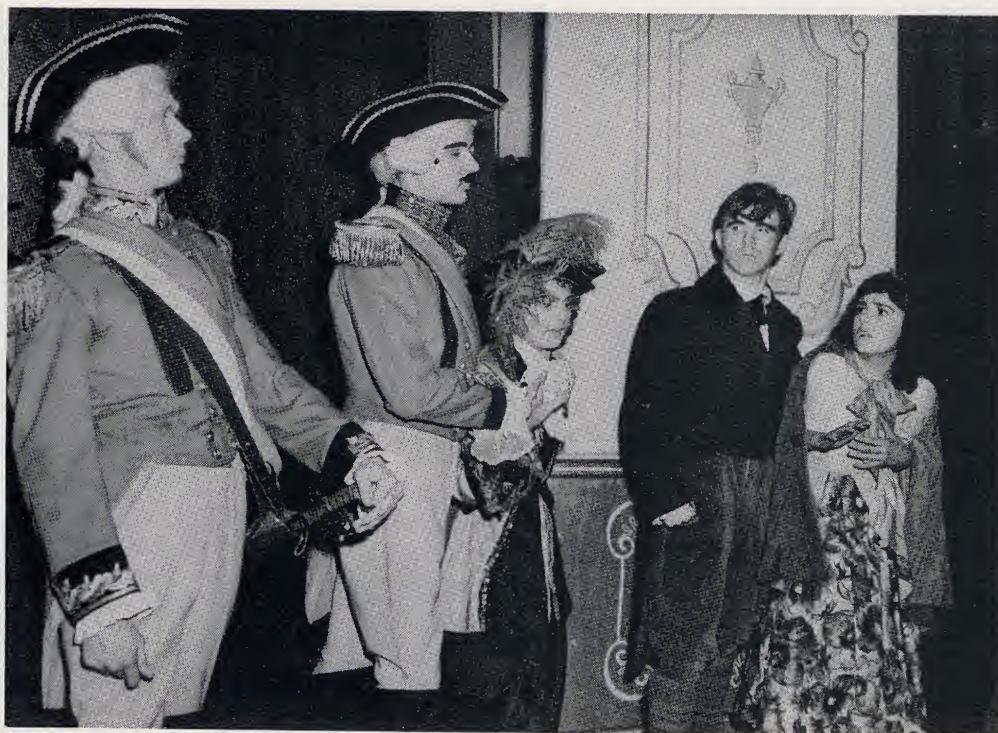
1954 saw a repeat of the previous year, the Scout Concert in January following the now traditional lines, the summer production another Concert, except this time Miss Cranny was free to look after the verse-speaking, while Mr Leo Maguire looked after the music and accompaniment. The December production was *The Importance of Being Earnest* which played for five nights to great acclaim. Fr Barry considered it his best production. The critic in *Dublin Opinion* wrote:

At St Mary's College we saw Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* being played by the scholars with an expertness, which implied a prodigy of preparation. Wilde is not for schoolboys, some will say. Too epigrammatic, too sophisticated. Yet here the audience as well as the actors were unsophisticated and both appeared to be enjoying themselves immensely.

The sets were as carefully planned as the acting and would have done credit to many a professional show. An exhilarating production. Amateurs should always play the classics.

"Arrah-na-Pogue"
by Dion Boucicault
staged by the College
Dramatic Society in
December, 1952.

Colonel O'Grady
(John Byrne)
Major Coffin
(Eamonn O'Toole)
Fanny Power
(James Gibney)
Sean-the-Post
(Francis Gallagher)
Arrah Meelish
(Desmond Ellard)



1955 and things were back to normal. Fr Gilmore once again produced the junior school operetta, *The Royal Jester* with the help of Miss Cranny (Mrs O'Donnell) for elocution and Miss Timmins for dancing, with Rev. Mr Flood at the piano. At Christmas *The Rivals* was done with great success.

The scouts were back with a concert in January 1956 once again which netted the Unit £36 over two nights. The accent was more on playlets and sketches than musical items, although Senior Scout Arthur Martin provided a piano solo. The entertainment for the Distribution of Prizes in summer was again a concert, this time from both senior and junior schools, with Fr Maiben in charge of the senior section and Miss Cranny the junior. Goldsmith's *She Stoops To Conquer* was the Christmas show, "an entirely satisfactory performance which showed that richly-adorned dialogue and creative characterisation can be easily caught by young boys provided the producer handles them properly" (*Dublin Opinion*).

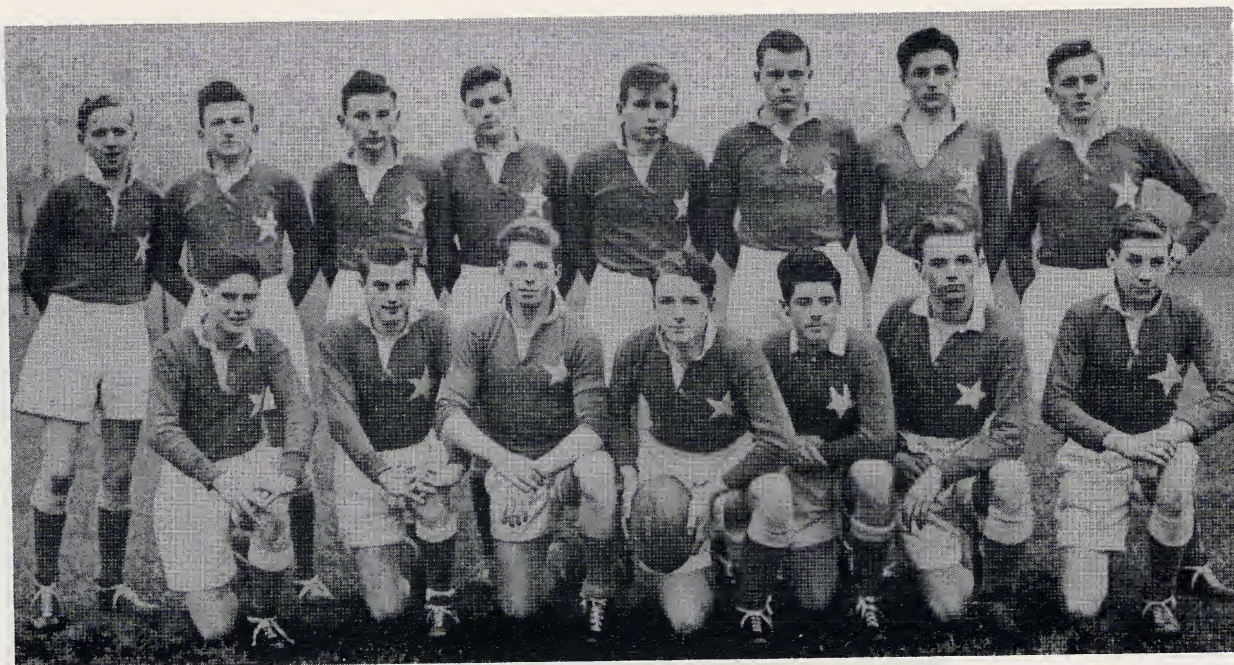
January 1957 saw the 7th Dublin Unit of the scouts back with their annual concert of well-tried and well-received ingredients, which was the final entertainment of that academic year.

GAMES

Rugby

The period began brightly with Vincent McGovern selected to captain the Leinster Schools team against Connaught and Munster. Fred Cogley joined him on the Leinster team against Munster. Pat Fitzpatrick was captain of the SCT, J. Bagnall of the JCT. The Under-13s retained the Provincial's Cup they had won the previous year. With just a few members of the SCT back for a second year, and only one of last year's pack, it was a very light SCT that looked to have few possibilities for 1952-53. And so it proved.

The 52-53 SCT, under the captaincy of Colm Brennan, was hampered by injuries for much of the friendly season, but were playing well, defeating Rockwell in the annual November 1 game, 12-0. When the cup campaign started, the lightness in the pack became



St. Mary's v St. Bede's – Donnybrook 8/1/1953

*Back: P. Thornton, W. Woodhouse, P. Byrne, J. Lee, R. Tallon, J. Bagnall, M. Doolan, F. Montague.
Front: J. Roche, D. White, T. Garvey, C. Brennan, G. Davy, B. Murphy, S. Cooke.*

Absent: N. Banahan, B. Carroll, R. Fahy.

very evident so that they did well to reach the semi-final where they were eliminated by Clongowes. There was a return visit from St Bede's College, Manchester, in January 1953. The match in Donnybrook, which ended in a 3-3 draw, was spoiled by the torrential rain which turned the pitch into a mud-bath, making interesting football impossible.

In 1953-54 St Mary's were eliminated in the 1st round in the senior, and in the 2nd round in the junior cup, and in the final of the Provincial's Cup, but Frank Montague won an Interpro cap. They fared no better in the two following seasons, while in 1956-57 they had the misfortune to meet Blackrock in both divisions at an early stage, losing comprehensively in the junior, but giving 'Rock a fright in the senior, outplaying them in the forwards for a change but lacking penetration in the backs. Rock won 9-3. That season also saw the U-13 Cup safely back in St Mary's once more after an absence of four years. The overseas visitors this year were Beaumont College (SJ), from near Windsor. They won 3-0. Continuing the tradition begun in 1947, the New Zealand All Blacks Touring Party were invited to speak to the boys, and their captain, Bob Stuart, complied.

The period ended on a high note with the visit of a London School, St Joseph's, Blackheath, on January 9, 1957. The match with St Mary's, which was played in Donnybrook, was refereed by Tony O'Reilly and ended in a 3-0 win for Blackheath.

Cricket

Fr Frank Barry was elected Chairman of the Leinster Schools Cricket Union in 1952, a well-deserved honour for the work that he had put into raising the standard of cricket in St Mary's, and consequently in the schools section of the union. He continued the practice begun back in 1945 of inviting well-known cricketers and coaches to help in coaching the boys. We find J. C. Boucher of Phoenix, Ireland's greatest bowler, in attendance in 1952 when the senior team reached the final.

In 1951-52 the Senior XI reached the final of the Leinster Schools Cup but were narrowly beaten by St Andrew's. In the first round against Sandford School, Fred Cogley had what is

probably a unique performance for a schoolboy, if not for any class of cricketer in Ireland. He took 10 wickets in an innings. Belvedere were defeated by 3 wickets in the quarter-final and CUS by 6 wickets in the semi-final. St Andrew's put on 138 in their first innings, to which St Mary's could replay with only 99. St Andrew's then added 95 in their second innings which was matched by St Mary's, but this left St Andrew's ahead by 36 runs. However, the outstanding player of this era was undoubtedly J. Egan, who was the No. 1 bowler on the senior and junior teams while still playing for the under-14s! He obtained his Leinster Interpro Cap in 1953, and again in 1954 and 1955. In 1953 he was chosen with John Cunningham on the Leinster Schools team to play the touring Leprechauns. On August 1, 1955, he was on the Leinster Senior XI with Gerry Duffy, considered St Mary's greatest cricketer. While Gerry made the headlines with a double century, Joe Egan was not far behind with a bowling analysis of 9 wickets for 75 runs. John Flavin, back again on the staff of St Mary's as Fr John Flavin, also gained his Interpro in cricket in 1955. The junior cup team had the strange experience that season of being unbeaten both before and after the cup campaign, while succumbing in the cup to a Blackrock team they had earlier dismissed comfortably.

Chess

It is difficult to decide whether the game of chess should come under the heading of games or academics. However, since it is not on the curriculum and is considered a leisure past-time, we classify it here. It is an activity which has had a chequered history in the school, waxing and waning according as there have been boys good at it or not, or a staff-member to promote it or not. Being essentially an individual activity, and requiring an atmosphere of quiet and concentration, it does not lend itself to crowd support, and for that reason depends on the enthusiasm of the players themselves. But there have been eras of great activity, such as the present one when chess had a large crowd of participants and produced individuals of talent, such as Brian Hussey and Brendan Gallagher who were picked to play for Ireland in 1951. At this time there were three leagues in progress, senior, intermediate and junior, and the school entered for the Leinster Schools Chess competitions.

1948 was a very successful year for chess in St Mary's. Francis (Bill) Maher won the Oireachtas Chess Championship. Mr John Farrell, himself a past pupil, was the prefect



St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, Blackheath, London in 1957

in charge of chess and his enthusiasm fired many others to take up the sport and spurred those already hooked to even greater heights. Frank Maher, (school champion), David Judge, (runner-up) and Conor McCarthy were strong members of the senior team. As Juniors the previous year they had won the Leinster Junior Shield. The Hussey twins, Derry and Brian were the mainstay of the Junior Team. In 1950 Derry won the Leinster Schools Junior Championships with Brian as runner-up. In 1951 the Senior Team reached the final of the Leinster Shield where they met and drew with O'Connell's School. In the replay, O'Connell's won 3½ to 2½. Brian Hussey was runner-up again in the individual championships. In 1953-54 Don O'Connell was Irish and Leinster Schools Chess Champion.

Basketball

Basketball, a game invented in Springfield, Mass. YMCA by a Canadian named James Naismith in 1891, became a very popular game in Irish schools after World War II. Both rugby-playing and Gaelic-football-playing schools saw the advantages of it as a sport which promoted agility and ball-handling, which could combine off-season fitness-pursuit with practice in those useful skills. It caught on in St Mary's like wildfire. In no time there were Leagues organised in the senior school and Mr Charles M. Wilson presented a trophy for competition in the school during his presidency of the union in 1950, to be called the Sexton Memorial Cup in honour of Fr Sexton, who had done so much for sport in the college since its re-opening. Six teams competed for the trophy that first season and Brian Whelan's team emerged as first winners of the cup. The extreme popularity of basket-ball, which vied with cricket as the summer game, was due in no small measure to the enthusiasm of Mr John Farrell, who was in charge of the game. St Mary's also began to compete in the Leinster Colleges competitions. In 1951 St Mary's beat Belcamp (OMI) in the semi-final, with great work by Brian Whelan, Brian Gogan and Colm Caffrey. In the final they met the king-pins of Irish Basket-ball at that time, St Mary's (SM), Dundalk whose greater experience saw them through to victory. The experience that they needed was soon gained by the keenness of the teams engaged in the House League which soon numbered ten and even twelve teams.

Athletics

While athletics was never a major sport in St Mary's, it was never neglected either, and regularly produced both individuals and groups of outstanding ability down through the years.

We have already referred to Jimmy Reardon in the early '40s who represented Ireland in the 1948 London Olympics with distinction.

Ulick O'Connor was beginning to show his prowess at this time at the high jump and pole vault, at which he was to make a name for himself by breaking the Irish record and representing Ireland in the World Student Games. At UCD he also became British and Irish Universities Middle-weight Boxing Champion. A pole vaulter of note as a schoolboy was the future TD and Minister for Education, Gerry Brady, who broke the Leinster Schools record in 1953. Other individuals who made their name were: Eric Salmon who jumped 15ft in the Long Jump as an Under-11, switched to the High Jump on entering the senior school and won the Leinster Schools Intermediate High Jump in 1954; Des White who was Leinster and Irish Schools 440 yd champion in 1954, and Kevin Byrne who was on the Leinster Junior Relay who won the All-Ireland Schools in 1954 and won the All-Ireland Schools Intermediate the following year. Maurice Hogan was on the Leinster Junior Relay which won the All-Ireland in 1955 and won gold for Leinster in the Senior Relay in 1957.

We have already seen that in the early '40s Fr Michael Meagher, National Director of the Holy Childhood, presented a shield for athletic competition between the Junior Schools of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Initially, this meant St Mary's and Willow Park, St Michael's joining in after 1944. St Mary's won the opening contest 55-26 pts. Willow won in 1942 but St Mary's then won in 1943 and 1944, as they did in '48 and '49 as well as '51 and '52. Some time after that the competition seems to have fallen into abeyance and is not heard of again.

An interesting fund-raising event in May 1954 was a Sports under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union (Eire), held in Kenilworth in which many prominent sportsmen of the day took part with a large appreciative audience present.

THE PAST

One of the very first functions which the Union had to organise at the beginning of this period was the Dinner and Presentation to Very Rev. Fr Griffin, the first Irish Head of the Holy Ghost Congregation worldwide. Fr Griffin, a Clareman, had spent so many years in the Mother House of the Congregation in Paris, as a member of the General Council and in other capacities, that he was really more French than the French themselves, but he was the first – and only – Irish-born member to become Superior General. All three past pupil unions, Blackrock, Rockwell and St Mary's joined to hold a dinner in his honour in the Dolphin Hotel and to make a presentation to him on this the occasion of his first official visit to the Irish Province of the congregation.

Apart from that unique happening, union matters went their usual way without any great hassle. The annual events of the period were the Mass for deceased members in November, the Dinner, the Dance, the Turkey Whist Drive, the Jumble Sale, the Golfing Society outings, and a function which was to appear on the agenda a number of times in



The College Community and Staff with Superior General, 17th September, 1951
 Back: C. Corrigan, O. Maguire, A. Lehane, J. Corry, H. Farrelly, M. Wasser, M. Quigley
 Centre: J. Brennan, G. McCarthy, F. Barry, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Barrett, Mr. O'Mahony,
 T. O'Brien, G. Lahiffe.
 Front: Mr. J. Gallagher, P. Murray, P. Walsh, P. O'Carroll Provincial Superior,
 V. Rev Francis Griffin Superior General, J. Gilmore, M. Kennedy, W. Kennedy, Mr. Nagle

the '50s before being relegated to the pages of forgotten history, a throw-back to Victorian and Edwardian eras – the smoking concert. For those too young to have experienced one, a smoking concert was an informal gathering where those present entertained themselves. This may sound extraordinary to a generation raised on TV and personal stereos, but in those ancient days people were not only prepared but even capable of entertaining themselves, and from amongst its members St Mary's Union had actors, instrumentalists, singers, elocutionists, comedians, of proven ability: the Frank Purcells, Sen. and Jun., Jimmy Ganter, Gerald and Joseph Crofts, Frank Jeffs (J. O'Connor), Ken O'Dea, Bill Hogarty, Val and Ray Joyce, Dick Blake, Joe Bevan, to take names at random from various eras. Days of innocence if you wish, but days of self-reliance too.

The first ever Annual Dinner to be held in the college and not in an hotel was in April 1952, to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the re-foundation of the union in 1927. Hitherto cost had been the prohibiting factor. 106 members were present at the Dinner which was considered a great success. However, the Dinner was once again held in a hotel in 1954, so there must have been some problems.

Golfing Society

The Golfing Society needs a word of explanation. Strictly speaking it is hardly a society at all. It exists solely for the Annual Union Golf Outing at which a trophy is played for from among union members, and to select a team to represent the union in the Annual Catholic Schools Unions Golfing Outing. A member of the union is usually appointed to look after the society for the union. The Minutes of the Union Committee for October 1951 state that a sub-committee was formed to look into the formation of a proper golfing society, but nothing further is heard of that venture for a year, when we read that the motion to form a union golfing society was passed unanimously and Pat Nolan elected its first president. The union was blessed in having people of the calibre of Thomas Tierney, Lorcan Gogan, Louis O'Reilly, P. J. Nolan, Benny Lynch, to look after its golfing affairs. Another outing added to the golfing calendar was the Union President's Prize, competed for at the Grange usually, and then later a Turkey competition which took place before Christmas in the Curragh.

The Tennis Club

The Tennis Club continued to flourish in Kenilworth Square and rounded off the 1951 season with an At Home and a most enjoyable concert. Little did they know that it was their last season in the Square. With the numbers in the school steadily increasing, greater and greater use of the grounds by the school made it very difficult to share the facilities with an adult tennis club, and at this time the rugby club were asking that they might have the use of the football pitch on alternate Saturday afternoons. Their increase in membership, which enabled them to field up to seven teams a week was putting a great strain on their facilities in Kimmage Grove. In November 1951, the College Council decided that the Tennis Club could no longer be accommodated, but that, beginning in the following season, 1952-53, the 1st XV of the rugby club could play their home matches in Kenilworth, and that the grounds could be used for practice on Sunday mornings up to 1 p.m. The tennis club were to be informed as soon as possible in order to give them as much time as possible to find alternative accommodation before the start of the new season. In January the Council agreed to let the club have the pavilion free provided they removed it completely. The new premises the tennis club acquired were in Mount Tallant, Harold's Cross, and the work put into the pavilion by the members was reflected in its spic-and-span condition on opening day. The following year, 1953, under the captaincy of Gearoid Lynch, new wire-netting was strung round the courts and gave a 'gleaming

newness' to them. The club had probably its most successful season to date from the point of view of membership, playing enthusiasm and record attendances at the socials.

Dramatics

The Past Students' Dramatic Society, so successfully revived in 1948, continued to flourish throughout the '50s, scoring one success after another, twice and even three times in the year. In October 1951 they produced *It Pays To Advertise*, and followed this in February 1952 with *The Soul of Nicholas Snyders*, a comedy with a serious underlying theme by Jerome K. Jerome, the author of *Three Men in a Boat*, etc. The *Evening Herald* critic said:

This excellent group can always be relied upon for carefully rehearsed, well dressed shows in attractive settings.

The *Evening Mail* could say:

Colm Keegan's reputation as one of Dublin's leading amateur actors was further enhanced by his performance as Nicholas Snyders . . . Producer Patrick Funge had a stage of considerable depth and remarkably fine settings, and he made excellent use of both of these qualities to give the play a finely polished finish.

In January 1953 three One-Act plays were presented: *Amazons on Broadway* by Sidney & Muriel Box; *There Are Tragedies and Tragedies* by George Fitzmaurice (who lived in Harcourt Street); and *Two Gentlemen of Soho* by A. P. Herbert.

These were followed in February 1953 with Molière's *Imaginary Invalid* in F. Anstey's adaptation. "The production by Patrick Funge was . . . smooth and competent . . . a triumph for an amateur group." (G. O'R.)

1953 saw a third production in October, another comedy by Jerome K. Jerome called *The Celebrity*. "This light-hearted affair was played with great sprightliness by an excellent cast, headed by the versatile Colm Keegan. They certainly made the most of the very slight situations, not a laugh being left unextracted." (*Evening Herald*)

The same critic found the February 1954 production of *The Third Visitor*, a murder mystery by G. Anstruther, some way short of what people had come to expect from the Society. He thought: "Perhaps it is that comedy is their forte; at all events they never seemed quite happy in this plausible murder mystery . . . Lorcan Gogan handled the comedy sequences well.

Life With Father by Clarence Day, a well-trying comedy of Broadway and successfully filmed in 1947, saw the company back on the rails. "Presented with a lavishness of set (by Michael Allen) and costume which one rarely sees in the amateur theatre outside the more spectacular musical shows, this most capable group equalled, if indeed they did not surpass, all previous best efforts. Pauline Smyth gave a most winning performance . . . The highly competent direction was by Patrick Funge. There will be a further performance tonight and it is fully recommended." (G. O'R.)

A year passed before the next production but this is understandable since it was quite a departure for the company. It was a new adaptation of Molière's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* by Paddy Funge, the society's producer and hon. secretary. It was called *The First of the New Rich*, and it was well received.

Maintaining their reputation as one of the most enterprising of our amateur groups, St Mary's College Past Pupils Dramatic Society, at the college hall,

Rathmines, embarked on a new phase of what so far has been a career rich in merit . . . and Patrick Funge, showing an undoubted flair for adaptation, has 'struck gold' with this work, the result of his labours being a fruity comedy . . . and not only that, Mr Funge scores further for his lively and well-balanced direction of the piece. (*Evening Herald*).

January 1957 was the date of the next production, *Home for Christmas* by Michael MacLiammoir, with Ray Joyce, Fred Cogley and Barrie Daish as the three suitors of Maureen Fallon, Valerie Hart and Ann Fennell. Paddy Funge directed and played the part of the stern father, Sir Roderick Killjoy. "The St Mary's College past Students Dramatic Society's presentation of this romantic comedy went with a swing which must have left everyone on stage and backstage sighing happily at the final curtain. Certainly it pleased the audience very much." (G. O'R.)

In April they presented a Philip King comedy, *On Monday Next*, which pokes fun at the serious business of rehearsing a play. "This latest effort reflects much credit on Jo Funge, who was making her début as a director. She set a vigorous pace, and generally got an excellent response from her cast . . . (to) maintain the high standard for which their productions have long been noted." (*Evening Herald*).

This was the company's last production in the college hall, and, in fact, their last production as the St Mary's College Past Pupils Dramatic Society. In the autumn of 1957 they acquired a small basement theatre on Lower Baggot Street which they named the Lantern Theatre, where they continued with much the same personnel to present productions of high quality.

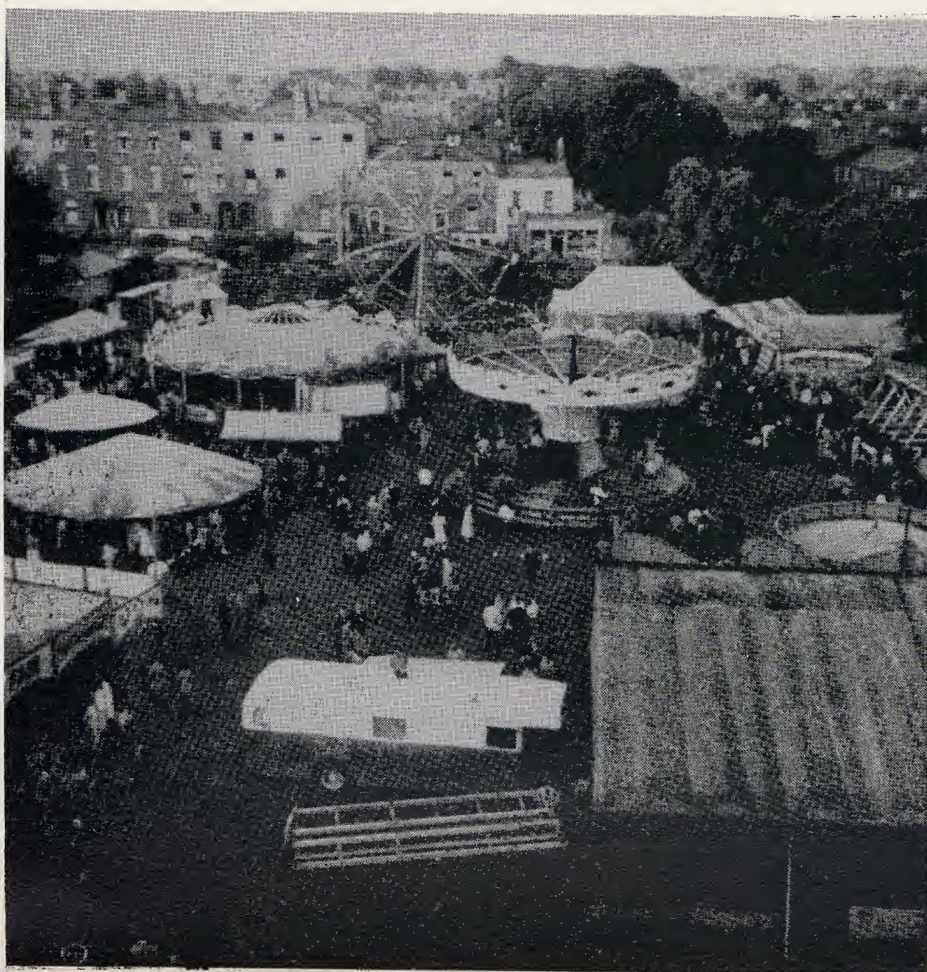
Rugby

The 1951-1957 period opened brightly for the Rugby Club with the election of Fr Ernest Farrell, the club's representative on the Leinster Branch Committee, as President of the Branch for 1951-52, an honour due to him for his services to rugby in the Province as well as in the club and college. The game has never had a more loyal or enthusiastic follower. It



*Metropolitan Cup
Winners, 1953*

Back: J. Maher,
D. Corrigan, J. Hughes,
D. O'Brien, D. Blake,
K. Wall, T. Cusack,
V. McGovern
Seated: R. Whitty,
T. Fearon,
A. Bolger (Capt.),
J. Byrne, D. Pigott.
Front: D. Duffy,
D. O'Sullivan.



The carnival in the front field to raise funds for the rugby club for new grounds in Fortfield.

was an honour that came in the twilight of his involvement in the sport he loved. Just three years after he had completed his year's presidency, Fr Ernest died, in 1955. That autumn saw the return to Ireland of Fr J. J. O'Reilly, CSSp after thirty-four years in the United States. He spent his retirement in Ireland and renewed with St Mary's club and college, and Bective Rangers, the ties he had developed over the years with the game since his prefecting days in 1894-6, when he played for Bective senior side.

In the 1951-52 season, Palmerston were defeated 6-0 in the first round, but the all-conquering Old Belvedere side put paid to their efforts in the second. The same Club put an end to a healthy run in the Moran Cup, winning 6-0 in the semi-final.

The 1952/53 season was the first trophy-winning season since 1950. This time it was the turn of the 2nd XV to reap the rewards in the Metropolitan Cup, accounting for Greystones, Railway Union, Lansdowne and Bective Rangers in turn. The 1st XV succumbed once more to Old Belvedere in the senior cup.

In the following season the 2nds made a bold bid to repeat their success in the Metro Cup, reaching the semi-final where they drew with Wanderers before going under in the replay.

In the 1954-55 season the club made history by becoming the first Irish club to go on tour in Italy. On arrival in Rome the team visited the Mayor of Rome, and the captain, Matt Gilsenan, presented him with a letter from the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Later, the party were entertained at the Irish Embassy by the Irish Ambassador, Mr Devlin. The following day they had an audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. The second half of their match against a Rome Selected XV was filmed for television in Rome, another first for the club.

*St. Mary's College RFC,
Fortfield Road,
Terenure, 1957-74
with St. Pius X Church
in background.*



Incidentally, they won all their matches in a most successful and enjoyable tour.

Throughout this period, the question of a permanent home for the club with proper pavilion facilities continued to exercise the minds of the club officers who were continually on the look-out for a suitable premises, since Kimmage Grove was scheduled for housing and road development. Just such a premises came on the market in 1955 on Fortfield Drive, beside the new Pius X Church, and the club moved quickly to acquire it. It was a fine site but to turn it into top-class football pitches was a herculean task, and despite the heroic efforts of the members under such leadership as Brian Whelan, Frank Montague, Diarmuid White, Hugh Kerrigan, Des Shiel, John O'Donoghue and a host of willing members, it called for unceasing maintenance. The pavilion was enlarged and extended in 1962-63 in order to provide the space for social activities like dancing, and a badminton court. The president of the club, Dermot P. Smyth, designed the extension and dealt with the local government red-tape. To help defray the expenses of the purchase and improvement of the grounds and erection of the pavilion, the college gave permission for a Carnival in the front field during the summer for two years in succession, the third such event in the college's history. In 1898 Fr Pembroke had held a fête to pay for the levelling of the field and the alteration of the front avenue. In 1927 the union held a very successful fête to clear the debt that had forced the college to close in 1916.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Diocese/Order</i>
Thomas Byrne	(1934-42)	1952	CSSp
Cyril Byrne	(1935-42)	1953	CSSp
Gerard Gogan	(1935-45)	1953	CSSp
John Farrell	(1940-43)	1953	CSSp
Brian Crookes	(1941-45)	1953	U.S.A.
John Kavanagh	(1944-47)	1953	Wichita, U.S.A.
Cothraigh Gogan	(1935-44)	1954	CSSp
Raymond Kennedy	(1937-38)	1954	CSSp
Thomas Maguire	(1936-46)	1955	CSSp
William Fitzgerald	(1942-46)	1957	Dublin diocese
Anthony Geoghegan	(1942-48)	1957	CSSp
John Gilsenan	(1943-53)	1956	Wichita, U.S.A. Msgr.
Gerard Tannam	(1944-47)	1957	CSSp

Chapter Fifteen

1957-1963



President, Superior
Very Rev Dr Michael Kennedy

REVEREND FATHERS

Peter Walsh – Vice-President (1934-1961) – Retired (1961-66+)
Patrick Murray – Professor (1957-63) – Vice-President (1961-63)
William O'Connor – Dean, Studies (1957-62)
Francis C. Barry – Dean, Discipline (1952-69)
Terry O'Brien – Dean, Junior School (1951-63) – Bursar (1963-1966+)
John Ahearne – Bursar (1957-63)
Walter Kennedy – Professor (1943-74)
Martin Maiben – Professor (1954-84)
Patrick Campbell – Professor (1954-59)
William McKenna – Professor (1955-59)
Gerald Lord – Professor (1956-79)
M. S. Moore – Professor (1953-58)
Edward Gorman – Professor (1957-69+)
Myles L. Fay – Professor (1956-58)
Patrick Leonard – Professor (1957-58)
Richard Kissane – Professor (1958-62) – Dean of Studies (1962-65)
James Hurley – Professor (1958-59)
Anthony O'Carroll – Professor (1958-65) – Dean of Studies (1965-69)
Dermot Moloney – Professor (1960-61)
Peadar Garvey – Professor (1960-63)
John Byrne – Professor (1959-81)
Francis Duffy – Professor (1959-64)
Gerald McConnell – Professor (1960-61)
Patrick Doyle – Professor (1961-62)
Francis Martin – Professor (1961-62)
Cyril J. Byrne – Professor (1962-)

Edward Burke – Professor (1961-83+)
 John Hourigan – Professor (1961-63)
 Joseph Gilmore – Retired (1957-69+)
 Bro Cronan Kennedy – Maintenance (1957-62+)

H.DIP. CANDIDATES

Fr. James Cronin	Fr J. Cummins, SDB	Paul McMurrough
Fr. A. Fernando	Fr H. A. Signoret	Fr John Hanly
Fr Terence Lee, M.H.	Fr Columba Mansfield, OSA.	

REVEREND PREFECTS

Joseph Murphy	Peter Hughes	Seamus Foley
Tony Heerey	Bernard Kelly	Paschal Kearney
Kevin McCawley	Barry O'Brien	Thomas Shanley
John Fitzpatrick	Vincent O'Grady	Phelim O'Leary
Michael Kelly	John Flavin	Gerald Griffin
Henry Malone	Noel O'Meara	Peter O'Toole
Gerry Dempsey	Myles Healy	Anthony Darragh
Stanley Lovett	Stephen Walsh	Michael McMahon
Henry Moloney	Shay Langford	

LAY PROFESSORS

Michael Nagle – Professor (1927-62)
 Arthur Barrett – Professor (1927-62)
 Philip McCabe – Professor (1942-73)
 Seosamh Ó Maoileoin – Professor (1955-59+)
 Michael O'Mahony – Professor (1947-66)
 Paul McMurrough – Professor (1958-)
 James Chamberlin – Professor (1957-61)
 Patrick Ahern – Professor (1958-61)
 D. Lyng – Professor (1959-61)
 S. King – Professor (1960-61)
 Mrs F. Curtin – Professor (1961-62)
 Mrs J. Eglington – Professor (1961-62)
 Miss S. Murphy – Professor (1962-70)
 Miss P. Nash – Professor (1962-63)
 Miss Maura Cranny – Elocution (1944-90)
 Miss Moire Griffiths – Singing (1955-59)
 Miss Muriel Morris – Singing (1960-67)
 Miss Ruth Dromgoole – Art (1957-67)
 Morosini Whelan – Dancing (1954-70)
 M. Doogan – P.E. Senior School (1951-61)
 A. Myles – P.E. Junior School (1957-61)
 Cyril White – P.E. Senior School (1960-65)
 Oliver Dunne – P.E. Senior School (1961-)
 Mr Ryan – P.E. Junior School (1961-63)

Boys on Roll (1958): Junior School – 260; Senior School – 311
 (1963): – 303; – 352

Dr Michael Kennedy, CSSp.

BORN IN ATHLONE IN 1897, Fr Michael had an outstanding academic career in Blackrock College, UCD and the Gregorian University, Rome, where he obtained not only his Doctorate in Theology but a love and appreciation for art in music, painting, sculpture and architecture which coloured the rest of his life. On his return to Ireland, he was appointed to Kimmage Manor where he taught theology, was bursar and choirmaster, laying the foundation of excellence in church singing which was to become the hallmark of the Holy Ghost Fathers in the '40s and '50s through regular broadcasts from Radio Eireann. He it was who was mainly responsible for the simple beauty of collegiate chapel which will ever remain an attraction for all who love the art of stained glass. In 1942 he became President of Blackrock College, where he had the vision to buy the house at the bottom of Ailesbury Road which has since become St Michael's College. In 1945 he was elected Chairman of the Catholic Headmasters Association and in 1950 he was a member of the National Council of Education and the Registration Council. Then he came to St Mary's and took no little part in the design and the furnishing and embellishment of the chapel for which the foundation stone was laid in 1953. In 1957 he became President and continued the development of every aspect of the college, the union and the associated clubs. In 1963 Dr Kennedy was appointed Assistant Provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland, a post he retained until he retired back to St Mary's in 1970 where he was an example to all of the religious life and became a much-loved figure at the 10 o'clock Mass in Rathmines parish church as well as among the boys, particularly of the Junior School. Everyone was the poorer by his passing.

The period under the administration of Dr Kennedy was mainly of consolidation. The numbers continued to grow and it soon became apparent that more room would have to be found for the junior school. This could hardly be considered until the debt undertaken in the building of the new chapel and senior school was paid off. And with that in view, the fund-raising kept on apace until, in 1963, ten years after it had started, the Building Fund Committee was able to disband, its work completed.

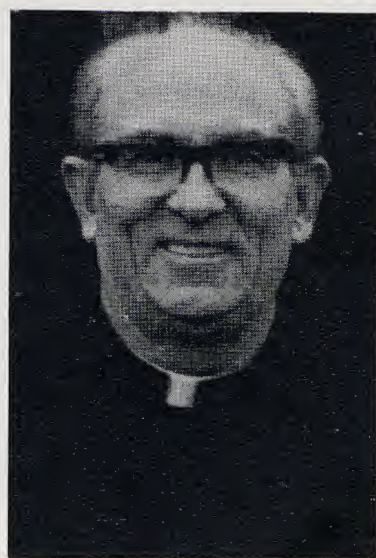
A sizeable break with the past occurred in this period with the retirement of two of the lay professors who had been on the teaching staff almost from its re-opening. Mr Michael Nagle and Mr Arthur Barrett retired together in the summer of 1962. Mr Nagle had joined the staff in 1927 and had seen the school grow from 100 boys to



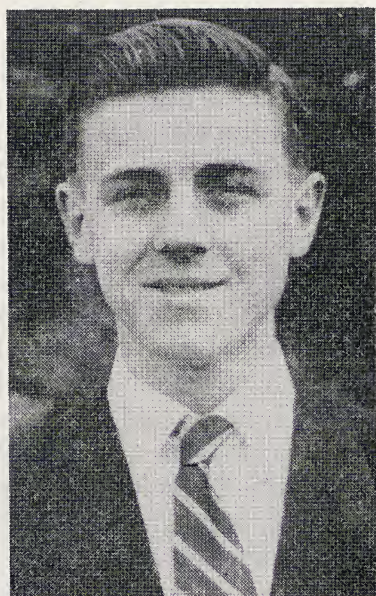
Richard Kissane, CSSp.



Edmund Burke, CSSp.



John Hourigan, CSSp.



Noel Somers won a University Scholarship in the Leaving Certificate, 1962



Philip Martin with some of the trophies he won for his piano playing at various Feiseanna, 1961.

650 during the thirty-five years he had spent imparting knowledge and wisdom to generations of schoolboys. His own sons had attended St Mary's, and he himself was an enthusiastic supporter of the college and club teams even during his retirement. He died in 1967.

Mr Arthur Barrett joined the staff in 1929 and for thirty-three years taught mathematics, history and geography in the senior school until his retirement in 1962.

But it is not just for their teaching that these men, together with Mr John Gallagher, will be forever remembered by the generations of boys who benefited from their presence in the college. For years, in a largely clerical staff, they were to remind the boys by their example of christian family life, that the principles they were being taught, were for living and not just for learning. St Mary's was indeed fortunate to have men of such a calibre to lay the foundations for the lay staff to come.

In the academic year 1957-58 Mr Paul McMurrough came on the staff temporarily while doing the H.DIP.ED. and at the end of the year applied for a permanent position, thus beginning an association with the college which happily continues to this day.

ACADEMICS

The growth in numbers in the school is reflected in the numbers sitting for and passing the Public Examinations. In 1958, 23 got the Leaving and 46 the Inter Cert. Next year it was 24 (10H) and 49 (25H). In 1960 it was 29 (6H) and 37 (24H). 1961 saw a big leap in numbers in the Inter Cert, 62 (44H) while the Leaving Cert remained static, 27 (4H)). In 1962 it was 35 (10H) in the Leaving and 69 (41H) in the Inter, and in 1963 33 (10H) and 70 (45H).

The following are the tabulated results for the Leaving Cert and Inter Cert:

Leaving Certificate

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons</i>	<i>Pass</i>
1958	27	4 (15%)	20 (88%)
1959	44	2 (4%)	23 (56%)
1960	37	2 (5%)	27 (78%)
1961	38	3 (7%)	24 (71%)
1962	39	6 (15%)	29 (89%)
1963	36	6 (17%)	27 (91%)

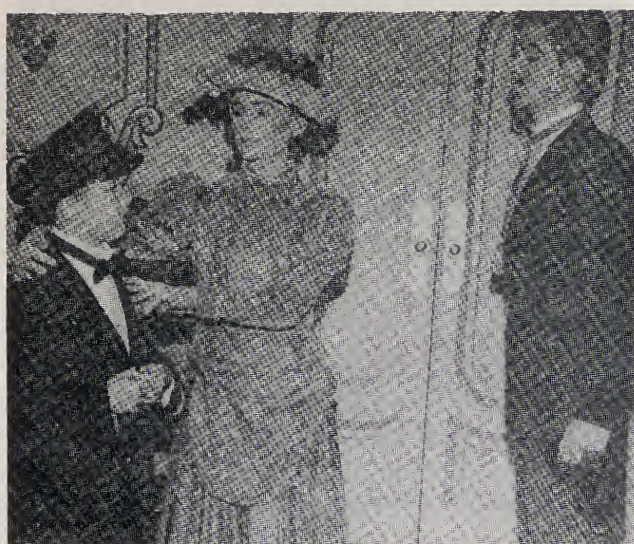
Intermediate Certificate

1958	54	16 (29%)	33 (90%)
1959	65	18 (24%)	37 (68%)
1960	42	18 (46%)	19 (88%)
1961	71	28 (39%)	34 (79%)
1962	78	30 (35%)	40 (89%)
1963	98	35 (34%)	35 (71%)

During these years, Noel Somers gained a scholarship in the Inter and a university scholarship in the Leaving, while Vincent O'Meara got 1st Place in French in the Inter of 1962 and won the French Government Prize again for St Mary's.

DRAMATICS

The Winslow Boy was the offering for 1957-58. Based on a true story of a Catholic boy expelled from a naval college for stealing a five shilling postal order and successfully defended by Edward Carson, the Dublin lawyer who founded the Ulster Volunteers and was instrumental in the creation of the Six-Counties, the play by Irish playwright Terence Rattigan enjoyed great success on stage and as a major film. It was a resounding success as played by Nigel Swan, Brian O'Connell, Jeremy Swan, Don O'Connor and a superb supporting cast. In 1958-59 Dickens's novel of the French Revolution, dramatised



"Winslow Boy"

*Ronnie Winslow (Nigel Swan),
Catherine Winslow (Donal O'Connor),
John Watherstone (John Keating)*



"Winslow Boy"

*Catherine Winslow (Donal O'Connor),
Dickie Winslow (Dermot O'Flynn)*



"Pygmalion"
Professor Higgins (Peter Walsh),
Colonel Pickering (Fergus Mooney)



"Pygmalion"
Eliza Doolittle (John Finan)

as *The Only Way* by a Limerick Protestant clergyman, Canon Langbridge, (although often attributed to Martin Harvey, the great actor-manager who played the lead 5,000 times!) David Jordan played the leading part and according to Fr Barry "... surpassed himself in the portrayal of the part. His acting will remain one of the unforgettable performances of the St Mary's stage". David took up acting as a career after school and appeared for a short time in RTE's *The Riordans*, but died tragically a few years later in Wales.

At the Concert for the Distribution of Prizes in June 1959 a short operetta was presented by the 5th Form of the Junior School, *The Boy Mozart*. It is notable for the fact that the boy playing the part of Mozart as a boy was a very young Philip Martin, already earning for himself in feiseanna throughout the country trophies and a reputation for piano playing which would follow him after school into international concert halls.

In 1959-60 Fr Barry thought it time to repeat one of his earlier successes, *Charley's Aunt*, which had been such a success for Austin Healy, now a missionary in Sierra Leone. It was bit of a gamble, but it paid off. David Jordan, who had made such a success of Sydney Carton the previous year, was excellent as the 'Aunt'. In general Fr Barry considered it a better performance than 1949, better sets, costumes and acting. It was also performed in St Vincent's Hospital and Our Lady's Hospice for the staffs and patients to great acclaim.

The Senior School Prize-giving Concert that year had Philip Martin playing a John Field nocturne and a Scarlatti gigue. Choral singing and verse-speaking under Miss Morris and Miss Cranny comprised the rest of the programme.

A third Molière was added to the college's repertoire with the presentation of *The Imaginary Invalid* in the translation by the actor, Miles Malleson, and was a triumph for Erwin Mill-Arden in the main part. Fr Murray wrote a prologue for the play which was very well received.

Choosing a play every year that is possible for young actors with limited time for rehearsal, and indeed often with limited ability, is an annual headache and it was only as a last resort that Shaw's *You Never Can Tell* was chosen for 1961-62. The success of this year was Allen Keane in the part of Dolly Clandon although on the stage for the first time. He too died tragically, in 1974, in an accident in a diving-bell while searching for oil off the south coast of Ireland.

This successful foray into Shaw territory gave the necessary courage to tackle the next choice, *Pygmalion*, which was already well known to most of the boys in the musical version, *My Fair Lady*. Here the 'find' was John Finan who took straightaway to the part of Eliza Doolittle and made a great success of it. He worked hard and really proved to be one of the best ever of the St Mary's actors. Peter Walsh was a polished Professor Higgins with an able foil in Fergus Mooney as Col. Pickering. Fergus got his first job after his degree with the Irish delegation to the EEC, but died tragically in a plane crash in 1972 on the way to Brussels. Michael Glynn was superb as Doolittle, while the 'ladies' all looked particularly fine. In the euphoria, perhaps, of the play's success, Fr Barry thought it the best cast ever. The settings by Michael Allen almost certainly were.

GAMES

Rugby

Any account of games during this period has to focus on the winning of the Leinster Schools Senior Cup in 1961 for the first time. It will remain THE red-letter day in the school's rugby history, no matter how often it is won again or teams are told that winning is not everything. However, this is a chronological account as far as we can make it, so the cup-winning has to wait its turn. As well, cup-winning teams do not spring up out of a vacuum. They are the fruit, and you cannot have fruit without a tree to grow on, as well as the sun and the rain and the care of a good gardener to cultivate the soil. All the near-misses of previous years, as well as the first round defeats after courageous defence against superior forces, went to make up the tradition in which the 1961 team could flourish.

In 1957-58 the captain was Jimmy Kelly, who captained every team he played on from the Under-9s in the junior school, and went on to captain every team he played on after school, including UCD, St Mary's and Ireland. He led his team to the semi-final of the cup. Before that, St Mary's met St Joseph's College, Blackheath, and just narrowly lost, 0-3, to that talented London team. In the cup they accounted for Mountjoy, 11-0, Roscrea, 12-6, Clongowes, 9-5, to reach the semi-final against Terenure. This match was played "on a glutinous bog" at Donnybrook and ended in a scoreless draw. That struggle took



Jimmy Kelly captained every team he ever played in from St. Mary's U9s to JCT to SCT to UCD, to St. Mary's RFC to Ireland.



*Dermot P. Smyth,
Irish 'Big 5' Selectors,
1961.*



Interprovincials 1961
Back: Denis Hickie, Michael Hooper
Front: Tony Hickie, Brian Cotter,
Conor Lawson.



Interprovincials 1963
J. O'Hagan, Kevin Corrigan, Paul McLoughlin

so much out of the lighter St Mary's side that the replay was unequal and Terenure ran out 21-6 winners.

The Junior team under the youthful captaincy of Brian Cotter did not look to have much chance in the cup as only two of the previous year's team were eligible. However, they played with exceptional spirit and accounted for Roscrea by 29-0. The next round brought them face to face with Castleknock who ran up a 14-3 lead which they were hard put to retain against furious attacks by St Mary's. The Under-13s brought back the Provincial's Cup under the leadership of Bernard Moran.

Two strength-sapping draws in 1958-59, first with Roscrea, 6-6, before winning the replay 6-3, and next with Clongowes, 0-0 before going under in the replay, 3-8, pointed up the need for heavier forwards who were just not available. The Juniors looked weak on paper as the season opened, but every succeeding match saw them improve under Liam Sheppard's leadership and in the end they lost only one of the fifteen matches they played. In the cup they scraped past CUS 9-8 on a raw gusty day that made ball handling and kicking a lottery. Then it was St Columba's, 8-3 and a semi-final match with Belvedere. Another scoreless draw after a keenly fought match. The replay was equally keen but a dream try from David Hooper, promoted from the Under-13s, saw St Mary's through, 6-5, to a meeting with Blackrock in the final. Here they fought well while on the defensive for most of the match, and 'Rock were well worth their 8-0 victory.

In 1959-60 St Mary's met Castleknock after accounting for St Andrew's 11-3 in the first round. As usual 'Knock were a tough nut to crack and the first meeting ended in an 8-8 draw with plenty of incidents and thrills for the screaming supporters. The replay saw just one score in a game played at a hectic pace, a try by Castleknock just on half-time. The juniors reached the semi-final with defeats of Gonzaga, 6-3, and The High School, 9-0. They met St Paul's in the semi-final, and once again, one score, conceded in a moment of carelessness, saw the end of the St Mary's challenge for that year.

And so to the cup-winning year, 1960-61. It was an historic year for the whole of Ireland as the country was celebrating the 1500th anniversary of the death of our Patron Saint, Patrick, with High Masses, pageants, processions, as Ireland played host to distinguished visitors from all over the world, including the envoy of the Pope, Cardinal Agagianian.

The year began well with the return of eight of the previous year's team on which to



Leinster Senior Schools' Cup Winners, 1961

Back: W. Shepphard, C. Lawson, G. Fanning, A. Hickie, P. Best, E. Fitzgerald, M. Hooper, F. Dowling.
Seated: Ed. Fitzgerald, D. Hickie, B. Cotter (Captain), W. Byrne, D. O'Sullivan.
Front: B. Moran, N. Cooke.



*Brian Cotter, SCT Captain, presenting the
Leinster Senior Schools' Rugby Cup to
Dr. M. Kennedy, CSSp, President of the College.*



LEINSTER SCHOOLS' RUGBY CUP SPECIAL

Sunday Independent, Sunday March 26th, 1961

HISTORIC WIN FOR SUPERB ST. MARY'S TEAM

By Barry Nolan

St. Mary's College, 11; Castleknock College, 0.

IT was an historic occasion for St. Mary's College, Rathmines, at Lansdowne Road yesterday, when they captured the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup for the first time ever, scoring a thoroughly convincing win by two tries and a goal to nil over Castleknock College. Playing with tremendous determination, St. Mary's rocked the big, much-vaunted Castleknock pack by their lightning following up and razor-keen tackling, and, having succeeded in their mission of taking the honours up in front, the St. Mary's halves and three-quarters did the rest to achieve a win, the keynote of which was teamwork and spirit.

St. Mary's had the strong breeze behind them in the first half, but though they pressed most of the time they did not score until near the interval, and it did not appear that three points would be sufficient to see them through.

SOLID BARRIER

However, right at the start of the second period they swarmed to the 'Knock line and courageously as the big Castleknock forwards endeavoured to force their way upfield they were met by a solid barrier which re-

fused to yield an inch.

After ten minutes St. Mary's scored their second try and from that moment on the result was crystal clear, for Castleknock became demoralised and the Rathmines side, playing with increasing confidence, became more and more dominant as the minutes ticked away.

It had been generally anticipated that if St. Mary's were to win it would be through the medium of their backs, but in actual fact the seeds of victory were solidly sown by a brilliant pack of forwards, whose energy was limitless.

Only a despairing hand-trip by Fanning on Duggan prevented a Castleknock try, before Edward Fitzgerald obtained St. Mary's first try in the 37th minute of an unusually long first half, owing to a number of stoppages.

Ten minutes after the interval Eamon Fitzgerald booted the ball over the 'Knock line and won an exciting race for the touch down, and then 12 minutes from the end, the winners obtained a brilliant try, originated by Lawson and rounded off by Fanning. A Hickie, who had missed the two previous converts, added the extra points on this occasion.

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St. Mary's take Cup at last!

By PAUL MAC WEENEY

ST. MARY'S 11 CASTLEKNOCK 0

IT was third time lucky for St. Mary's yesterday. Beaten in their only two previous appearances in the Senior Schools' final in 1943 and 1946, they won the trophy for the first time when beating Castleknock by a goal and two tries to nil.

The manner of their victory was amazing, for instead of their backs being the danger, it was a tigerish pack of forwards who drove the heavier Knock eight all over the field.

Rated as the biggest and best pack seen in this competition for years past, Castleknock were rattled, hustled and thrown completely out of their stride by the terrific speed, furious tackling and tireless following up of the St. Mary's boys, who played 100 per cent above their form of the previous rounds.

Everyone of them played himself to a standstill, with Dennis Hickie, Peter Best and Willie Byrne in the forefront of everything, and behind them was the better set of backs.

WON FIRST SCHOOLS SENIOR RUGBY CUP

IN St. Mary's College, Rathmines, 1961 will forever be known as the Fitzgerald-Kennedy year!

The President of the College in their year of glory is Rev. Dr. Michael Kennedy, C.S.Sp., the trainer of the side to bring the Leinster Schools Senior Cup to Rathmines for the first time is Rev. Father Walter Kennedy, C.S.Sp., and two of their tries in their memorable final victory over Castleknock College were obtained by the Fitzgerald cousins, Edward and Eamonn.

By a strange coincidence, when St. Mary's first appeared in the final — 1943 — the President of their conquerors then Blackrock College, was Dr. Michael Kennedy, who proudly accepted the Cup from the team captain, Brian Cotter, on the steps of St. Mary's last Saturday evening.

AFTER 62 YEARS

Non can deny that St. Mary's turn was due, for they have been striving for 62 years to capture this elusive trophy.

They first played in the competition in the season 1898-99, when they were beaten by St. Columba's College, who went on to win the Cup. A member of that Mary's side was Seamus Brennan, former Director of Broadcasting.

In the intervening years St. Mary's have produced many fine sides, but non to climb to the heights reached by the 15 players, who carved a very special niche for themselves in the annals of the College by their skill and tenacity at Ireland's Rugby headquarters last Saturday.

TEAM MEMBERS

Taking a run through the team we start with full-back Tony Hickie, who started his career in the last line of defence with the College's under 13's in 1956 and he played an outstanding game with the Juniors in the final against Blackrock in 1959. Gifted with a natural flare for games, he captained the St. Mary's Junior cricket team last year, and is this season's Leinster Interprovincial full-back.

Youngest member of the side is left wing, **Bernard Moran**, a brother of Paddy Moran, who was on the Mary's Past students team to reach the Senior Cup final last season, while on the other wing, the hard running, **Eamonn Fitzgerald**, won undying fame by the clever manner in which he snatched a very vital try in the decider.

The centres, **Gerry Fanning** and **Conor Lawson**, have both been playing rugby since they were "tots". At 11 years of age Lawson appeared in the Presentation College, Bray, colours in the Junior Cup, while Fanning, a son of Paddy Fanning of Donore Harriers, has also proved himself an excellent all round athlete.

FAMILY TRADITION

Out-half, **Noel Cooke**, a brother of Sean Cooke, who was on the first St. Mary's Past team to win the Leinster Senior Cup in 1958, maintained a fine family tradition by his excellent half-back partnership with the captain, **Brian Cotter**.

Cotter, a young player with an old head and a member of the side for the third suc-

cessive year, was an admirable skipper, guiding his colleagues by personal example, and apart from his all-round ability he made an incalculably large contribution to the success of the team by scoring the winning try in the first round against Blackrock.

Two of the front row — **David O'Sullivan** and **Michael Hooper** played in the Junior final in 1959, but he third member of this closely-knit trio, **Frank Dowling**, a brother of Senior club centre, Paddy Dowling, only took up the game last year. Hooper is a son of Dr. Barry Hooper of soccer fame.

BIG FUTURE

The real power of the pack came from the "engine room" occupied by **Peter Best**, the heaviest player on the side, who only took a serious interest in the sport last September, and **Denis Hickie**, a brother of full-back, Tony. Like his brother, Denis began his career as a full-back and played in the centre on the J.C.T. A superb line-out performer, Denis Hickie appears to be a player with a big future.

Wing forward, **Edward Fitzgerald**, who opened the scoring in the final, is also an accomplished cricketer, while the other wing-forward, **Billy Byrne**, built on the light side, makes up for his lack of poundage by intensity of effort.

Finally we come to lock-forward, **Liam Sheppard**, a most intelligent operator, who captained the Junior side two years ago.

Fifteen heroes, whose praises will be sung up Rathmines direction for many a day to come.

build. Brian Cotter was elected Captain and Denis Hickie, vice captain and leader of the pack. Hard practice helped to form the habit of winning and all but two of the pre-Christmas matches were won. A most enjoyable and successful tour of London during the Christmas holidays, in which St Joseph's, Blackheath, and Sidcup Grammar School were beaten, added to the team's zest. In fact, the way the team enjoyed playing was probably one of the big factors in its success. Five members of the team were selected to represent the Leinster Schools in the Interprovincial series, Brian Cotter, Conor Lawson, Denis Hickie, Tony Hickie and Michael Hooper.

The return from Lansdowne Road to the College after the match was a triumphal procession. Joe Fanagan had laid on two limousines for the team and these were met by almost the entire school, and lots of parents and past pupils, at Castlewood Ave, who led them, cup aloft, down Rathmines Road under police supervision, with the local residents, shoppers and passers-by joining in the celebration. A warm meal was provided for the team in the Fathers' refectory, with tea and other refreshments for the more distinguished guests – and some not so distinguished. On accepting the cup from Brian Cotter, the captain, Dr Michael Kennedy, the president, pronounced three free days, to be added to the Easter holidays. During the holidays, the team played a St Mary's Club XV, holding it to a 16-all draw, and were entertained to a dinner in Power's Hotel by the club. On April 22 the SCT were entertained to a Victory Dinner in the college, after which a film of the highlights of the final was shown.

The juniors were an in-and-out team all through the season and never found a rhythm or pattern. The difficulty in filling some of the positions probably contributed to a lack of unity. The first two cup matches were won, but without conviction, and relied heavily on the individualism of David Hooper on the wing. This inevitably proved insufficient against more well-rounded teams and Belvedere proved this in the next round with a 16-9 victory.

1961-62 was a team-building year as only two of the previous year's team were back in school. Tony Hickie and Liam Sheppard were elected captain and vice-captain. Vile weather before Christmas deprived the team of useful opposition from Ratcliffe College, Leicester, on their first visit, and St Joseph's, Blackheath, who were returning the St Mary's visit to London. Tony Hickie not only gained his Interprovincial cap once more but was chosen to captain the Leinster Schools team against Connaught and Munster. St Mary's, the holders, had a 9-3 victory over Pres Bray in the cup before succumbing to Belvedere in the quarter-final by 3-14.

"If the remaining matches in the competition", wrote A. P. McWeeney of the *Irish Times*, "are as exciting, everyone should be well satisfied."

"Both packs tore into each other like terriers, and until midway through the second half, the issue was wide open. Both sides had spells of furious attack. Morgan . . . gave his colleagues great heart by kicking a penalty goal near the touch-line in the first minute, whereupon St Mary's hit back so vigorously that they barely missed scoring three times in as many minutes. They drew level in the eighth minute with a penalty from Hickie . . . The loss of wing-forward Moran seemed to take some of the sting from St Mary's, and from then on, Belvedere sensed victory."

The juniors did not get past the first round of the cup. A draw with Clongowes on a rain-soaked Donnybrook was followed by a 9-0 defeat in the replay. The Under-13s that year, with Henry Murphy, captain, Shay Deering, vice captain and Johnny Moloney, scrum-half, totted up the staggering total of 538 pts for and only 79 against. Those three names were to appear again and again both in schoolboy and adult football. All three were to represent Ireland and both Deering and Moloney were to captain Ireland in the future. Yet, they failed to capture the Provincial's cup! Rugby is truly a team game.



Leinster Junior Schools' Cup Winners, 1963
 Back: S. Deering, R. Foley, D. Mulligan, W. Hooper, J. Flynn, A. Del Rio.
 Seated: P. Sheeran, A. Andreucetti, C. Toner, T. McCormick (Capt.), G. O'Hagan,
 R. Bailey, L. Redmond.
 Front: M. Hefferon, H. Murphy.



Cup Cavalcade!
 Carrying home the Cup
 down Rathmines Road



*Patrician Congress
Volunteer Corps,
1961*

1961 was the seniors' year. 1963 was the juniors'. St Mary's, in the person of Fr J. J. O'Reilly, had been instrumental in starting the Junior Schools Cup back in 1909 but had to wait until 1934 before they won it. Now, twenty-nine years on they won it for the second time. Only three of the previous year's team were still eligible, Shay Deering, William Hooper and Alberto Andreucetti. Tom McCormick was elected captain, and with the makings of two good teams available, a well-knit team of no weaknesses was formed, who gave themselves wholeheartedly to real practice, including a couple of cross-country runs up the Hell Fire Club in the snow! No wonder the forwards ran like backs, and the backs like deer. The speedy centres, Robin Bailey and Garry O'Hagan made full use of the match-winning wings, McCormick and Toner. With Hooper winning the line-outs, Shay Deering everything in the loose and hooker Andreucetti everything in the tight, they were assured of plenty of the ball, of which they made fullest use.

Two close defeats in the pre-cup period kept their feet on the ground. Two easy victories in the cup, 23-3 over Roscrea and 16-0 over King's Hospital, were countered with a difficult match against Belvedere which St Mary's eventually won 6-0, setting up a final with Castleknock, which St Mary's won by a push-over try – surely a record for the school. The scenes of jubilation mirrored those of two years before with the Cup borne in triumphant procession down the Rathmines Rd to the college where Tom McCormick, the captain, presented it to the President, Dr Kennedy, to the mighty cheers of the thronging school.

The SCT played the postponed fixture with the Leicestershire school, Ratcliffe College, before Christmas and came out 17-0 victors. However, when it came to the cup, there was quite an upset, as the *Irish Independent* reporter tells it:

Presentation College, Bray, created a major shock in the Leinster Schools Senior Cup . . . when they defeated fancied St Mary's College by a goal to a try.

On the day, however, St Mary's appeared the more accomplished side, playing exceptionally good open rugby, which frequently saw backs and forwards combine in swift attacking movements but they could not break down the dogged defensive qualities and resolute methods of the well-knit Presentation side.

The season was rounded off by a visit from the Manchester team, Pendleton, who managed to counter a good St Mary's try with a penalty. The St Mary's captain, John O'Hagan, was picked for the Connaught Schools, and Kevin Corrigan and Paul McLoughlin for Leinster. Johnny Moloney was captain of the U-13s, on which a ten-year old Paul Andreucetti appeared for the first time.

Basketball

Basketball continued to flourish, mainly as an internal school game with up to fourteen teams involved in the league. In 1958-59 they felt strong enough to test themselves in the Dublin Schools Basketball League and won their section only to fall to St Paul's in the play-off final. Brendan Murphy was capped for Leinster Schools.

Swimming

Swimming continued every Friday in Iveagh Baths, and even if it revealed few world-beaters, it nevertheless was a very worthwhile exercise in familiarising more and more boys with the useful skills of swimming and life-saving. The Annual School Gala was revived in 1961 and held also in 1962, but died out from lack of response from the boys. It is impossible to whip up general enthusiasm for swimming without a swimming-pool in the school premises. Otherwise it remains the sport of the dedicated enthusiast. Even the Friday evening sessions were far from satisfactory. For half of the one-hour session available to the boys, Mr Oliver Dunne coached them in swimming, diving and life-saving, as well as the essential arm, leg and lungs exercises. Unfortunately, the great discrepancy among the boys in ability and age, militated against this system. Two prefects accompanied the boys every Friday to keep control, and particularly to get the boys out when their session was over. There was always another school or group straining at the leash to get into the water.

Cricket

The first two years of this period saw St Mary's Senior XI reach the final of the Leinster Schools Cup yet again. They defeated Avoca School, King's Hos and Terenure to set up the final with the old enemy Blackrock who came out convincing winners. The following year, 1958-59 it was CUS and Blackrock they beat to get to the final with Belvedere who were victorious. Patrick Cullen and Edward Rafter were picked to play for the Leinster Schools. That year the Juniors reached the semi-final. 1959-60 was an undistinguished cricketing year, but 1960-61, as it was in football, proved a good year for cricket, if not equally good. The seniors reached the semi-final and Brian Cotter, one of the heroes of the football cup win, was capped for Leinster Schools in cricket also. The Juniors went a step further when they reached the final, only to succumb at the last hurdle. In the final year of the period, Alan Jerrold was picked for Leinster out of an unremarkable team.

Athletics

Maurice Hogan was the outstanding athlete of the period. coming 2nd in the All-Ireland Schools 100 yds in 1957-58. He was also a member of the winning Leinster Schools sprint relay. The St Mary's senior relay won the Leinster Championship, while the junior squad set a record in winning the Leinster Junior Relay, and then went on to win the All-Ireland title. Michael Hogan made amends for his 2nd place in the Irish 100 by winning the Youths 100 in Belfast in the time of 10.2 secs. In 1959-60 David Hooper who had played to such good effect on the wing in the football season, showed his prowess on the track with a record in winning the Intermediate Schools 220.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis continued to be a popular sport, particularly in inclement weather, but remained a haphazard sport with no school participation in the schools competitions. At the same time, individuals continued to emerge with a special talent. One of them was Robert Carvill who was picked to represent the Leinster Schools in 1958-59.

SCOUTS

Louis McMullan was scoutmaster from 1958-59. The chaplain was Fr Fay that year, followed by Fr Anthony O'Carroll. There was further expansion of the troop with the formation of a Senior Troop from fourteen of the senior scouts with Brendan Corcoran as scoutmaster. This paved the way for Louis McMullan as the new scoutmaster. The Cub Pack continued to be the only Pack in Ireland with a regular Summer Camp. Their regular camp-site was Rush, county Dublin. Troop Camps during the period were:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1958	Kidderminster	Fr M. Fay	B. Corcoran
1959	Auchengillan, Scot.	Fr M. Fay	L. McMullan
1960	Ards, Donegal	Fr O'Carroll	L. McMullan
	Normandy, France (Sen.)		B. Corcoran
	Kenure, Rush (Cubs)	Fr Myles Fay	Billy Byrne
1961	Windermere, England	Fr O'Carroll	L. McMullan
	Rush (Cubs)	Fr Myles Fay	Billy Byrne
1962	Chatham, Kent	Fr O'Carroll	L. McMullen
	Rush (Cubs)	Fr Myles Fay	Billy Byrne
1963	Auchengillan, Scot.	Fr O'Carroll	L. McMullen
	Rush (Cubs)	Fr Myles Fay	Billy Byrne

THE PAST

Past Pupils Union

One of the features of the activities of the union at this period, apart from the usual ones, was the Annual week-end Enclosed Retreat. This usually took place in Holy Week and extended from Good Friday evening to Easter Sunday. It was held in St Doolagh's some years, and in others in the Dominican Retreat House in Tallaght. An average of 35 would attend, although in 1961 the number had to be divided between St Doolagh's and Tallaght to keep them manageable.

Rugby

Happily established in their own club grounds and pavilion, and with proper facilities for washing and relaxing and entertaining visiting teams, the club playing members threw themselves into the task of winning matches with even greater vigour, and in 1957-58 it paid off when the club won the Leinster Senior Challenge Cup for the first time ever. Under the leadership of Joe Fanagan, elected for an unprecedented third term as captain of the 1st XV, the team started winning from the beginning of the season and ended up with 20 wins out of 28 played and one drawn, scoring 221 points to 145 against.

In the cup, Old Wesley were the opponents in the first round and were beaten 14-0. Palmerston proved a tougher nut in the second but were eventually overcome 3-0. Then came Clontarf in the semi-final. Always good cup-fighters, Clontarf did not give up easily



*St. Mary's College RFC, First XV
Leinster Senior Cup Winners, 1958*

Back: J. G. Lee, M. J. Hctor, N. R. Corrigan, A. Cusack, H. R. G. Kerrigan, K. Wall.
Seated: R. J. Whitty, J. Bagnall, E. Carmody, J. P. Fanagan (Capt.), V. P. McGovern,
S. J. Cooke, P. J. Dowling.
Front: B. Hussey, D. R. Hussey.

but were defeated if not subdued, and the stage was set for a final encounter with Blackrock College.

The Irish Independent tells the story of the final.

St Mary's College hit the peak of their ambition yesterday when they won the Leinster Senior Cup for the first time in their long and varied history by beating the strongly fancied Blackrock College in the final at Lansdowne Road. Adding lustre to a most happy day for the Rathmines club is the fact that their victory was achieved by as fine a display of rugby as has been seen in a cup final for many a long year, and even the most ardent of Blackrock supporters were in agreement in the end that their team had been outplayed to an extent in no way reflected in the margin, convincing though it was.

From the very start St Mary's made it clear that they meant business. In setting and wonderfully maintaining a cracking pace they fully justified their confidence in themselves and as well as winning the cup raised the whole competition out of the depression cast upon it by many disappointing matches earlier on. They lost the toss and had to face a near gale which after about fifteen minutes brought first the rain that had threatened and then a savage storm of hail and sleet. By that time however they had got a tight grip on Blackrock, particularly forward, and never relaxed it.

They never let 'Rock settle down; they hustled them about in the loose by quick, combined backing up and first-time tackling, and in the set scrums won so much of the ball that all through the first half they were carrying the fight deep into the holder's half.

When it was still scoreless at halftime, Mary's, having escaped a couple of likely penalty kicks by Connolly, clearly sensed the possibility of victory. Going all out they scored after a few minutes of the new half. Cooke kicked a good penalty goal after the wind had twice blown the placed ball down.

Still they crowded on the pressure and mid way through the half after swarming to the 'Rock line yet again forced a scrum. It was back like lightning and Cooke cleverly worked an overlap, sent on to Wall who gave a perfectly timed pass to Brian Hussey for a try far out to the right.

In a storming finish 'Rock tried all they knew and twice Nolan was almost through, but they never could shake off the grip of the St Mary's forwards, of whom Bagnall, Carmody, Cusack, Kerrigan and Corrigan were outstanding. Even when Dowling in the St Mary's centre hurt a leg and went off, 'Rock could not exploit their extra-man advantage, and when Dowling hobbled back, St Mary's took heart to raise the siege and finished strongly.

To both sides all credit for maintaining a high standard all through in spite of wind, rain and hail. The forward work on both sides was immense with Pembrey, Austin, Butler and Thomas putting everything in for the losers.

Mary's however had that little extra keenness and speed and magnificently asserted the principle that rugby is a team game. They fully deserved their victory, which if not extensive in points was altogether convincing.

The better side on a difficult day won.

The team were received in the college that evening before going on to a Victory Dinner in the Ormonde Hotel, co-sponsored by the college. The carnival atmosphere in the rejoicing over the victory was translated into fact that summer when the college gave the club permission to hold a carnival in the college front field. In return, the Club undertook to make a generous donation to the Building Fund from what profits were made. This third carnival in the school's history was as successful as the previous ones in 1898 and 1927. In fact, so successful that it was repeated in 1960 and helped considerably to erase the debt incurred by the alterations to the pavilion and playing fields in Fortfield Drive. The Carnival lasted two weeks and its success was largely due to the unremitting efforts of the Ladies' Committee.

1958-59 opened with St Mary's the proud holders of the Leinster Cup. They had a good season under captain Ned Carmody, losing just six matches of the 20 played, but suffered from the unpredictable vagaries of cup football, going down in the first round to Old Wesley. The 2nd Fifteen finished second in their section of the League and were beaten in the cup only in a replay with Greystones. However, they ended the season with two trophies, both Seven-a-side, the CYMS and the North Kildare Sevens, and owed much to their trainer Benny Lynch and captain, Frank Montague.

1959-60 was considered the most successful year to date in the history of the Club.

Acclaimed universally as "The Team of the Year" our 1st XV not only created a post-war match-winning record but by their fast open style of football they contributed not a little to the raising of the standard of club football in Leinster during the year. Their cup-matches produced the finest displays of football in the entire competition and, though defeated in the final after two strenuous replays, they won the admiration of all for their splendid sportsmanship and team spirit. Indeed, the final will go down in

the history of the Leinster Senior Cup Competition as one of the greatest ever seen in Lansdowne Road. We congratulate Trinity on their victory and on re-capturing the cup after a lapse of thirty-four years.

Hon. Sec. Report

We are indebted to the Rugby Correspondent of the *Evening Press* for the following gracious tribute to our 1st XV and their achievements:

ST MARY'S TAKE THE HONOURS

"Though the Leinster Cup has gone to Trinity, there is no doubt that the rugby team of the season has been St Mary's College. They have won more matches, and on a league system have dropped fewer points than any other side.

They are the season's top try-getters with 72, and they are also the leading scorers with a total of 342 points, while also surrendering the least, 138.

"St Mary's in their 28 matches had double figures totted up against them only in 2, by Dungannon, and by Trinity in the final. Only once, against Clontarf, did they fail to cross the line of their opponents.

"Their leading scorer was fly-half Sean Cooke with 75 points, made up



Rev. Dr. Kennedy CSSp receives trophies from members of St. Mary's College RFC in 1963. Joe Fanagan with the Lorcan Sherlock Golf Cup. Steve Treacy with the Colonel Winters Memorial Cup for 3B XV. Matt Jones with the Minor League Cup for 3rd XV. Brian Cotter with the CYMS Seven-a-side Cup for Junior Teams.

*St. Mary's College, RFC
Interprovincials, 1961*

*J. Kelly, N. Carmody,
F. O'Leary, W. Murray,
S. Cooke.*



of 10 tries, 7 penalties, 9 conversions, and 2 drop goals. Full-back O'Leary came second with 57 pts.

"Leading try-getter was wing Noel Kenny with 14. Their biggest win of the season was in beating Lansdowne, whose line they crossed seven times, 32-3.

In his annual report the Club Secretary, Bart Fitzsimon paid a well-deserved tribute to the captain, Sean Cooke, and trainer, Jack Sheerin:

There can be no doubt that the great team spirit which played such a major part in their successful season was due mainly to the tremendous inspiration and enthusiasm of the captain, Sean Cooke. The team manager and trainer Jack Sheerin, must be given equal credit for the manner in which he moulded the team into such an effective combination.

Among the members of the team our congratulations are due to Jimmy Kelly for the great distinction of gaining Interprovincial and Final Trial honours in his first season in senior rugby. We also congratulate Sean Cooke on captaining an Interprovincial trial team."

(taken from The College Annual, 1960)

The 2nd XV, under the captaincy of Joe Fanagan broke new ground with a short tour to North Wales to play and defeat Holyhead. They then went on to win again the North Kildare Sevens. Donal Mullan, John Browne and Tom Lawlor gained Junior Interpro honours.

The Club President in this year was Col 'Bull' Corrigan, whose six sons had contributed so much to both college and club in their time.

On the administration side the club was honoured by the appointment of Dermot P. Smyth as a member of the Irish Five Selectors and as a Leinster Selector. Matt Gilsenan was appointed to the Referees Association, Leinster Branch. Vinnie McGovern was appointed to the Association the following year.

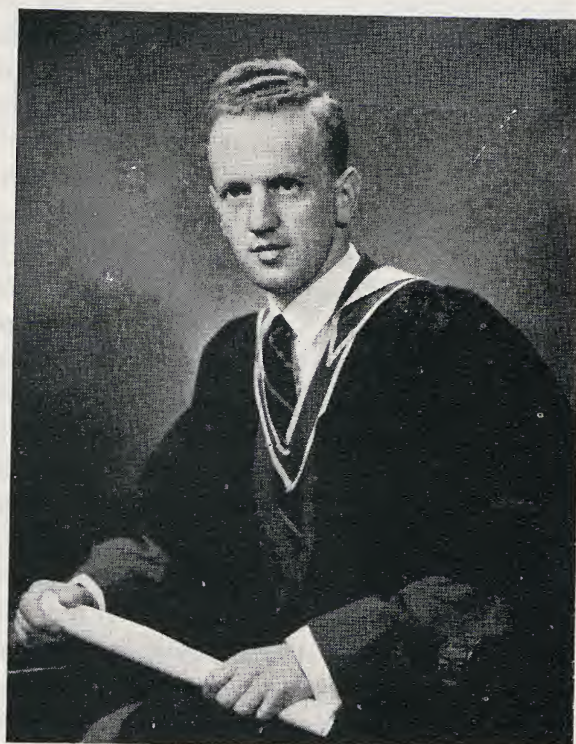
Most of the effort of the club in the 1960-61 season seemed to go on improvements

OUTSTANDING "FIRSTS" OF 1958-'59



JAMES ROCHE, B.D.S.

First place and 1st Class Honours Final Examination
in Dentistry (U.C.D)



PETER THORNTON, B.Sc.

First place B.Sc. examination (U.C.D.)
Hugh Ryan Gold Medal and Scholarship



DESMOND JOYCE

First place in Diploma in Foreign Exchange and
First place in French—Institute of Bankers in
Ireland examination



BRIAN WHELAN, B. COMM., A.C.A.

First place in Final examination of Institute of
Chartered Accountants of Ireland. "Arthur H.
Muir" Memorial Prize

to the grounds, as though leaving the stage free for the triumph of the school team. Flood-lighting was installed over the junior pitch for evening practice, thus reserving the senior pitch for matches. A new drainage system was installed in the senior pitch which involved the laying of 150 yds of pipe and the shifting of 40 tons of stone. The work was done by the members themselves. Re-seeding and fertilising was also done. The teams gave good accounts of themselves in all competitions entered without taking home any trophy. It was the last year in which no trophy was won by the club at some level of competition, and even there the school supplied the deficiency. Five members of the 1st XV were awarded Interprovincial caps, Sean Cooke, Ned Carmody, Jimmy Kelly, Willie Murray and Phelim O'Leary, a prefect, who also gained a Final Trial.

1961-62 made up somewhat for the previous year in that the club reached 5 semi-finals, 3 finals and won the one trophy in Leinster that had so far eluded them, the Albert O'Connell Cup for Junior 2 or Minor Fifteens. It was presented in 1957 and named after a former President of Railway Union RFC who was Leinster Branch President in the '30s. Hitherto the only Minor Cup was for the winner of the Minor League. The O'Connell Cup was a separate knock-out competition.

1962-63 was an extremely successful season, both from the point of view of trophies won and, even better, from the point of view of the quality of football played and the pleasure given to spectators. No less than five cups were won by the club, and with a little bit of luck, there could easily have been more. The 1st XV under Sean Cooke once more showed the way by reaching the final of the Senior Cup for the third time in six years, where they were defeated by a very talented UCD team, which was led by a St Mary's man, the inevitable Jimmy Kelly, who was now playing for UCD. It has always been the custom for St Mary's, as indeed for most other school-associated clubs, to allow its members to play for their universities during their university days. The 2nd XV under Brian Cotter were also beaten by UCD in their final, the Metropolitan Cup, in extra time. They made amends by winning the Keating Sevens, beating the same UCD by a big margin in the final. The 3rd XV, under Matt Jones won the Minor League Cup. Among the 'experienced' members of the team was Joe Fanagan who was an inspiration to the team throughout the season. Joe had played on the last St Mary's team to win the cup fourteen years before.

The 3A XV under Dec Gannon were narrowly beaten in the Moran Cup but brought home the Cliff House Cup which was put up for competition with Greystones. The 3B XV was probably the fittest team in the club as they showed when surviving a long and arduous cup campaign and bringing home the new trophy, the Col Winters Cup, presented by UCD in honour of a former President and Treasurer of the Branch at his death. Coach Steve Tracey and Manager John Reddy did sterling work with this team.

Ned Carmody retained his place on all Leinster and county Dublin teams during the season, and was picked for the Rest of Ireland against the Combined Universities. He was a little unfortunate, perhaps, not to have received higher honours. Dermot Moloughney gained his first cap for his native Munster, as did Tony Hickie for Leinster in his very first season in senior rugby. Brian Cotter got another Junior Interpro and played a prominent part on the team. Jimmy Kelly gained further international caps during the season.

Lorcan Sherlock Cup

In 1961-62 and again in 1962-63 St Mary's were the winners of the Lorcan Sherlock Cup which is competed for by teams from the rugby clubs in Leinster. The team was John Hughes, Brian Whelan, Sean Cooke, Paddy Redmond, David O'Sullivan, Joe Fanagan, Michael Butler and Tom Tierney. Sean Cooke and Michael Butler won the individual pair prize for the best net score.

The Lawn Tennis Club

The Tennis Club continued to flourish in Mount Tallant and under the leadership of Dr Gearoid Lynch was promoted to Class 2 status in the 1958-59 season. The previous year they had submitted a new Constitution to the college authorities for approval, which had been duly given.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
Patrick O'Reilly	(1942-47)	1958	Dublin; Kiltegan Fathers
Jarlath Dowling	(1940-42)	1959	CSSp
Colm Murray	(1942-51)	1959	CSSp
Peter Byrne	(1943-53)	1959	Augustinians
Patrick Shiel	(1946-52)	1960	Dublin Diocese
Brian Gogan	(1942-52)	1961	CSSp
Brian O'Rourke	(1943-50)	1961	CSSp
Savino Agnoli	(1944-50)	1961	CSSp
Patrick Dowling	(1946-53)	1961	Benedictines
Philip Corcoran	(1946-54)	1961	Dublin Diocese
Conleth Curley	(1947-49)	1961	Dublin Diocese
Vincent O'Grady	(1942-50)	1962	CSSp
Austin Healy	(1942-51)	1962	CSSp
Bernard Kelly	(1942-50)	1962	CSSp
Noel Banahan	(1945-53)	1962	CSSp
John Ward	(1954-55)	1962	Dublin Diocese
Patrick Fitzpatrick	(1944-52)	1963	CSSp
Paul Reynolds	(1947-56)	1963	Birmingham, U.S.A.



Denis Hickie wins a lineout for St. Mary's against Castleknock in the Senior Cup Final, 1961, at Lansdowne Road.

Chapter Sixteen

1963-1969



President
Very Rev Patrick J. Murray

REVEREND FATHERS

John Hourigan – Vice-President (1963-69) – Dean, Junior School (1963-71)
Turlough O'Brien – Bursar (1963-66+)
Richard Kissane – Dean, Studies (1962-66)
Francis C. Barry – Dean, Discipline (1963-70)
Edward Burke – Professor (1961-83+)
Walter Kennedy – Professor (1942-74)
Martin Maiben – Professor (1954-84)
Gerald Lord – Professor (1956-79)
Edward Gorman – Professor (1957-66) Bursar (1966-69)
Cyril Byrne – Professor (1962-)
Anthony O'Carroll – Professor (1958-66) Dean, Studies (1966-68)
John Byrne – Professor (1959-69)
Francis Duffy – Professor (1959-64)
Hugh Scott – Professor (1964-66)
David Darcy – Professor (1965-80) – Dean, Studies (1968-70)
Samuel M. Moore – Dean, Studies (1966-68)
Peter Walsh – Retired (1961-66+)
Joseph Gilmore – Retired (1957-69+)
Dermot Moloney – Professor (1966-69)
Richard Lehane – Professor (1967-68)
John Sheehy – Professor (1967-68)
Francis Caffrey – Professor (1967-68)
Stephen Walshe – Professor (1967-69)
Arthur Carragher – Professor (1968-71)
Francis McCabe – Professor (1968-69)
Joseph Beere – Professor (1968-70)
Henry Moloney – Professor (1968-72)

REVEREND PREFECTS

Henry Moloney
Edward Grimes
James McDonnell
James Miller
Vincent Browne

Timothy Cunningham
Michael Doherty
Jeremiah Crowley
Timothy K. McMahon
Seán O'Connor

John O'Rourke
Denis Wiehe
Rory Hearn
Joseph O'Donnell

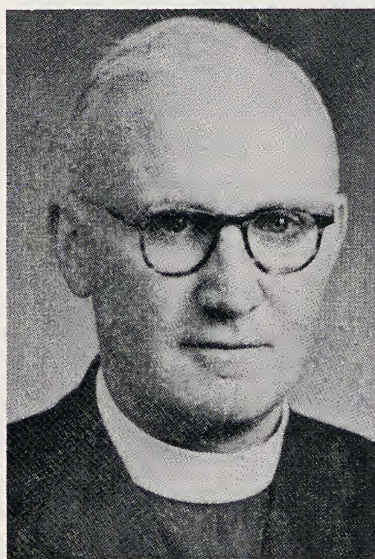
LAY PROFESSORS

Philip McCabe – Professor (1942-73)
Pól Uasal Mac Murchú – Professor (1958-)
Michael O'Mahony – Professor (1947-66)
Noel P. Doyle – Professor (1964-)
Mr Christopher Taylor – Professor (1963-65)
Mr Patrick Henry – Professor (1964-83+)
Mr Peter Quinn – Professor (1965-)
Mr Sean McCarthy – Professor (1966-)
Mr Aubrey O'Donoghue – Professor (1966-68)
Mr T. McCarthy – Professor (1967-68)
Mrs K. McDermott – Professor (1967-70)
Miss S. Murphy – Professor (1962-70)
Miss R. Courtney – Professor (1964-69)
Miss M. Browne – Professor (1964-70)
Miss C. O'Brien – Professor (1964-67)
Miss R. Fitzsimons – Professor (1967-69)
Miss Morrissey – Professor (1968-72)
Miss Maire Cranny – Elocution
Miss Muriel Morris – Singing (1960-67)
Mrs Spinks – Singing (1967-72)
Miss Ruth Dromgoole – Art (1957-67)
Miss O. O'Connor – Art (1967-70)
Morosini Whelan – Dancing (1954-70)
Mr Cyril White – Physical Education (1960-65)
Mr Oliver Dunne – Physical Education (1961-)
Mr C. Hayden – Physical Education (1964-65)
Mr J. Tracy – Physical Education (1965-66)

H.DIP. CANDIDATES

Fr Patrick Brennan, OSA
Bro. Kilian, OSA.

FR PATRICK J. MURRAY spent all but six of his 44 years as a priest in St Mary's. One year after ordination he was appointed to St Mary's and one year later took on the demanding and responsible task of Dean of Studies in succession to Dr Joe Whelan, filling that post with distinction for eleven years during which the school made unprecedented physical development which Fr Murray matched in the academic sphere. Born in Drogheda in May 1911, Fr Murray attended St Patrick's College, Armagh, for his secondary studies before joining the Holy Ghost Fathers. He graduated from UCD in 1935 and was a prefect in Rockwell College for two years before continuing his ecclesiastical studies in Kimmage Manor where he was ordained in 1940. After his 11-year tenure as Dean in St Mary's he was appointed to Rockwell College where he took charge of Studies once more until his recall to St Mary's in 1958. In 1961 he became President of the College for six years, during which the Junior School was totally transformed, restructured and extended. At the end of this fruitful presidency, he reverted once more to a simple member of the staff, teaching his classes for a further seven years with that same meticulous care with which he did everything, until his retirement in 1976. But for him retirement was simply a change of occupation. Now he could devote his time to tasks he had not had the time for before: the compilation of textbooks on English Literature in conjunction with Folens & Co, a Marian Anthology, articles on spiritual and religious topics, the giving of retreats and missions, and finally, but by no means least, his love of gardening and flowers. The beautiful and exotic shrubs and trees that grace the front avenue, which hundreds of pupils, and their parents, pass with unseeing eyes day after day, are the product of the love and attention that Fr Murray lavished on them. An accident in which he was knocked down by a car when attending the funeral of one of the foundation members of the Legion of Mary, and in which he sustained multiple injuries, from which he never really fully recovered, hastened his end. He bore his final illness with its attendant pain with the fortitude and calm that was characteristic of him. It was altogether fitting that one who had lived such a priestly life should end it on Holy Thursday, the feast of the Institution of the Priesthood, April 17, 1984.



William O'Connor, CSSp.



David Darcy, CSSp.



Gerald Lord, CSSp.

During this period must be recorded the death at the age of 55 of Fr William O'Connor who was Dean of Studies from 1957 to 1962. Born in county Tipperary. Fr O'Connor was educated in Rockwell College before joining the Holy Ghost Fathers, where he studied, first in UCD, obtaining Honours Degrees in Arts and Science, and then in the Gregorian University in Rome, where he was one of the very few Irishmen to be awarded the coveted Gold Medal for theology. On his return from Rome he was appointed to Kimmage Manor where taught theology for twelve years before coming to St Mary's as Dean of Studies in 1957, a position he filled with the zeal and painstaking care with which he did everything. He left St Mary's in 1962 to take up the position of Superior of Kimmage Manor where he was in the forefront of the efforts to put into practice the renewal of the Liturgy just then called for by the Vatican Council. He was a sensitive, kind man who would never knowingly embarrass or hurt the feelings of even the smallest boy and if felt he had, he would immediately seek him out to make amends.

Fr Dick Kissane, Fr Anthony O'Carroll, Fr S. Moore and Fr David Darcy were Deans of Studies at various times at this period.

While the number of students in Kimmage Manor still allowed for a number of prefects to be sent to the colleges every year, the writing was already on the wall and it was known that fewer and fewer would be available in the future. It was not until the end of Vatican II in 1965 that the scheme to send prefects out to the missions for missionary experience rather than to the colleges at home began to take shape and, by 1969, prefects ceased to exist as far as the domestic colleges were concerned. Lay teachers would have to fill the gaps, and as early as September 1961 the College Council approved a plan to employ lady teachers in the junior school.

FEMALE TEACHING STAFF

Since the 1940s Miss Maura Cranny (Mrs F. O'Donnell) had taught elocution in the junior school and in the lower classes of the senior school. When the college first re-opened in 1926 it was a lady teacher, Mrs Johnson, an aunt of film star Maureen O'Hara, who taught elocution for some years, while Miss Medlar taught dancing in the '30s. Later, in the late '40s and early '50s Miss Kathleen Uhlemann taught singing, to be followed in turn by Miss Moira Griffiths and Miss Muriel Morris. Miss Ruth Dromgoole taught art, and was followed by Miss Olive O'Connor. So the idea of lady teachers in the school was by no means a new one. At the same time, these were all specialist teachers, and in a sense, part-time in that they gave their services to a number of schools at the same time. The new lady teachers in the junior school were to be full time teachers of general subjects. The first of these were Mrs F. Curtin and Mrs J. Eglington who came in 1961, to be followed the next year by Miss S. Murphy and Miss P. Nash. It was a change for the better in that it brought a new atmosphere into the school, a toning down of the boisterousness perhaps, without diminishing the robustness that had characterised the school from its beginnings. It was not until September 1969 that the first full-time lady teacher was engaged for the senior school, Mrs Brinkworth, who taught Latin in 4A, 5A, 6A. From that time, as we shall see, the number of female teachers steadily increased.

FEES

In order to keep pace with inflation, the school fees had gone up in 1953, 1958 and 1964.

Mar 1953	Senior School £31/10;	Junior School £27/10 plus extras.
Apr 1958	Senior School £38/14;	Junior School £33 comprehensive.
Jan 1964	Senior School £50;	Junior School £40 comprehensive.
Sept 1966	Senior School £60;	Junior School £50 comprehensive.

DEVELOPMENT

As we saw at the beginning of the last chapter, the need for further extension to the school, particularly to the junior school, was apparent long before circumstances made it feasible to do anything about it. But in 1963 the Building Fund Committee felt able to wind up its affairs and serious attention could be given to the scheme for further extension. Apart from a total re-structuring of the junior school, a proper gymnasium, with showers, changing rooms and toilets, was urgently needed. With the enormous increase in car traffic as more and more of the boys were brought to school by their parents on their way to work, a larger and more suitable main entrance on the Rathmines Road was needed, and, in order to facilitate this, the gate lodge which had fallen into disuse for some years would have to be removed.

At a College Council meeting on April 27, 1964, the following restructuring of the Junior School was envisaged:

- (a) Ten classrooms (including the existing) to accommodate 310 boys.
- (b) Singing and Elocution room, tiered, for 60 boys.
- (c) Art Room for 30 boys, with store-room, sink etc.
- (d) Cloakrooms, open corridor rack type.
- (e) Toilet block
- (f) Staff cloakroom and toilets. Lockers for books and gowns.
- (g) Dean's office
- (h) Book-shop
- (i) Separate entrance and foyer

In addition to the extension to the Junior School, the following general alterations were also planned for:

- (j) Lunch-room for 40 boys
- (k) New chair-store for hall and stage-store for props.
- (l) New pavilion, with showers.
- (m) New sports-equipment store
- (n) Bridge from House to New Chapel
- (o) New bicycle-shed
- (p) Demolition of gate lodge
- (q) Increase in the width and sweep of main entrance.
- (r) New entrance gates, pillars, school crest etc.
- (s) Gymnasium.

Estimates of the cost of these alterations and additions were given by Messrs Desmond MacGreevy and Associates:

Demolition –	£1,450	
Junior School –	£55,900	
Domestic works –	£19,440	(incl. new kitchen)
Pointing and wiggling –	£840	(to match new frontage)
Cycle storage, pavilion –	£13,050	
Contingency sum –	£4,000	
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Total,	£94,680	

The sum of £2,500 to be added if new heating system is provided.



*Bridge connecting Chapel to
the Community House*



*Junior School extension and
new North Boundary Wall*

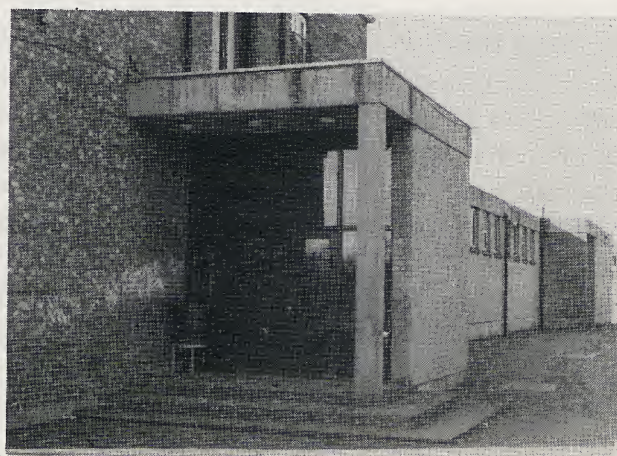
COLLEGE REDEVELOPMENTS, 1966-1968



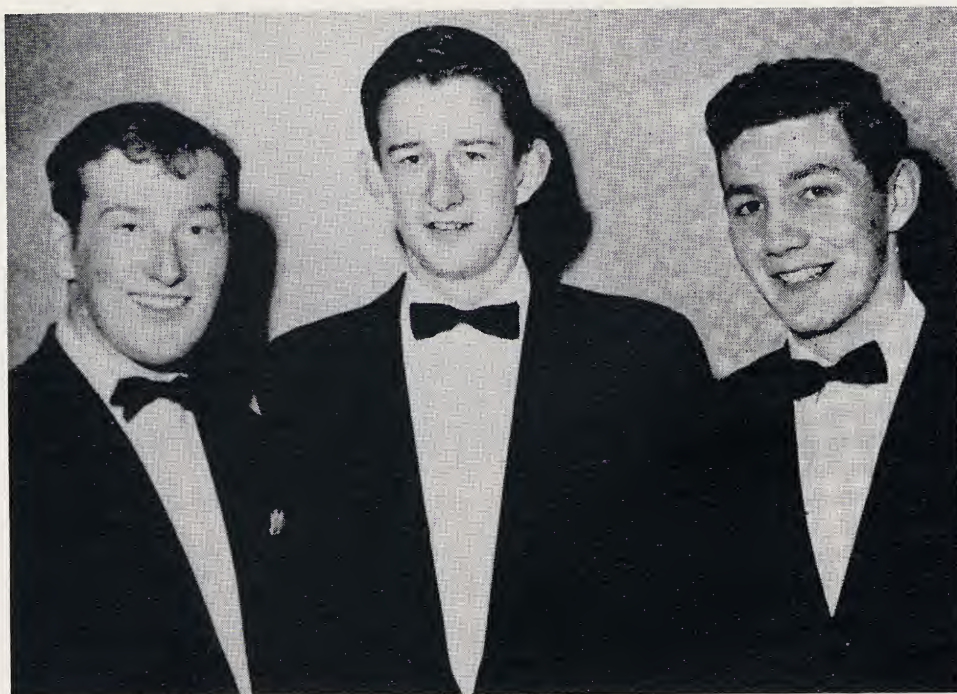
Main Entrance on Rathmines Road



The New Gynasium



New Entrance to Junior School



*Finalists in the Debate
organised by the Safety
First Association of
Ireland, 1964
David Liddy,
Antoin Murphy,
Terence Browne.*

In January 1965 it was decided to put the work out to tender in sections: (1) Junior School (2) Entrance gates (3) Pavilion. In the course of the planning it was found that the design decided on would not fit conveniently into the space available. Insufficient passage would be left between the building and the barracks wall. Negotiations were entered into in December 1965 with the Department of Defence and as a result, a strip of land was leased from the barracks for the sum of £1,000 at an annual rent of £14. The strip was 30 feet by 452 feet, extending from the present Junior School cycle-shed to the back of the property. With this accomplished the first phase of the project could now get underway, that is, the altered main entrance, new perimeter wall on the north of the property enclosing the newly acquired land, and the pavilion. Total cost of this phase was to be £25,000.

The work began in 1966 and it was not until December 1968 that the main contractors, W. P. Bolger & Son, took down their sign at the front gate. Hooper & Mayne were the architectural firm with Vincent Fitzgerald the partner directly involved. The engineer was Tim O'Brien. That gave us three past students involved, Brian Hooper, Paddy Bolger and Tim O'Brien. School continued while the work was in progress, with as little inconvenience as possible, but with the best will in the world there were inconveniences for more than two years, and it was only the pleasure of luxuriating in the new facilities that made the travail worthwhile. The new Junior School wing with five new airy classrooms, a spacious purpose-built art room, the new elocution theatre, offices, stores, cloakrooms, and its own separate entrance, gave the space and convenience that had been dreamed of. The hall and stage were renovated and re-decorated, while the new junior school wing was so attached to the hall that it provided both a stage-entry and a green-room that Fr Barry had always wanted. Outside, the new gymnasium transformed the back recreation yard, and the new changing rooms were a welcome addition.

Connecting the new wing to the old house entailed a number of changes, particularly as they accompanied a re-structuring of the Community kitchen quarters. Much of this alteration was internal and invisible to the outside, but one particular alteration was most noticeable, and that was the removal of the greenhouse which had been a feature of the front of the college from the day the property was bought. This had to make way for the new kitchen, on top of which an office for the Bursar was built. The greenhouse was

removed and part of it used to erect the greenhouse that now stands beside the junior school cycle-shed.

To pay for all this £75,000 was borrowed from the Irish Permanent Building Society.

The new Junior School was ready for occupation when school re-opened in September 1967, but with touching up to be done here and there, it was not until November that the workmen were finished. So, on November 23, the Dean of the Junior School, Fr John Hourigan, blessed the new building, accompanied by the captain of the junior school, David Levins, and vice captain, Declan Howard. Meanwhile work continued on the other parts of the project and it was not until July 1968 that it was considered feasible to tarmacadam the yard and the front avenue which had suffered the usual fate of building sites. The relief of being handed back one's property by builders is better experienced than described, as any housewife will tell you who has had to cope with even the best of workmen.

Meanwhile, Kenilworth Square was not being neglected. Trees and shrubs were being continually planted and 200 thornquicks (hawthorns) were planted to replace the perimeter hedge which had deteriorated. Living quarters were added to the cricket pavilion for a groundsman, who would give a presence in the Square at all times and deter trespassers or vandals. Even the college itself was not free from vandals. In August 1968 a fire in the new senior school bicycle shed damaged a couple of the bays and some stage props that were being stored there. The Fire Brigade had the fire quickly under control and the soldier on duty nearby at the barracks entrance stated that he saw two youths climbing over the College wall and running up Ardee Road shortly before the alarm was given by two passing soldiers.

SCHOOL ROLL

Between 1963 and 1969 there was little variation in the number attending the two schools. 1963 saw 623 on the roll, 347 in the senior school and 276 in the junior, while at the end of the period there were 324 in the senior and 303 in the junior.

ACADEMICS

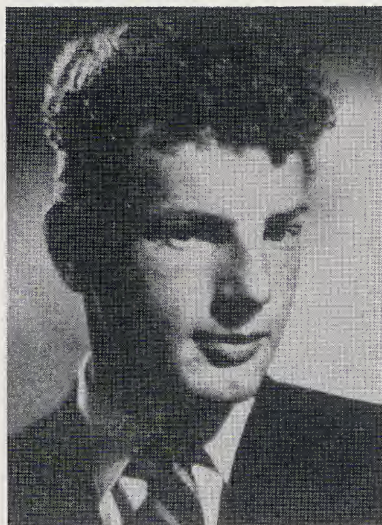
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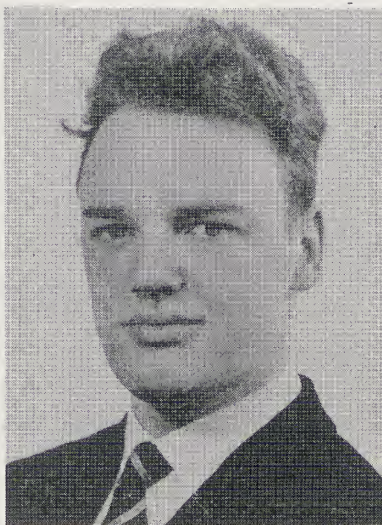
<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>Hons.</i>	<i>Pass</i>
1964	50	10 (20%)	34 (88%)
1965	55	14 (25%)	36 (90%)
1966	42	9 (21%)	28 (88%)
1967	44	11 (25%)	29 (90%)
1968	40	14 (35%)	26 (95%)
1969	40	11 (27%)	24 (86%)

Intermediate Certificate

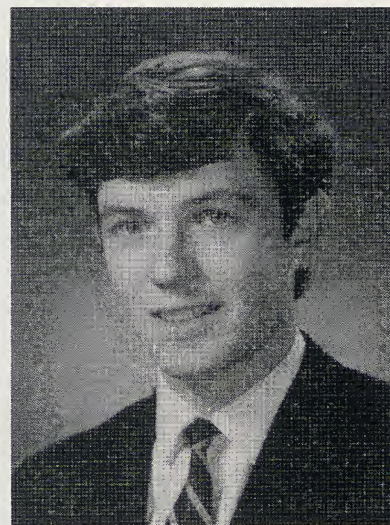
1964	74	24 (32%)	28 (70%)
1965	63	29 (35%)	25 (85%)
1966	60	35 (58%)	17 (86%)
1967	69	34 (47%)	27 (88%)
1968	46	25 (54%)	15 (87%)
1969	52	13 "A"s	62 "B"s



Gerald Costello
Winner Dublin Corporation
University Scholarship, 1964



John McDowell
Winner Dublin Corporation
University Scholarship, 1964



Kevin Martin
Winner Dublin Corporation
University Scholarship, 1965

Overall during the period, 40% of those doing the Leaving Cert gained honours, while 62% of those doing the Inter Cert did so. The passing averages for the two exams was in the 90s. These results were cause for quiet satisfaction, particularly as they were liberally sprinkled with outstanding individual feats, as had become the norm in the school. In 1964 Gerald Costello and John McDowell won Dublin Corporation scholarships to university, while John also won a UCD entrance scholarship in maths and maths physics. The following year it was Kevin Martin who won a Dublin Corporation university scholarship and Vincent O'Meara a university entrance scholarship. In 1969 a change was made in the system of marking, introducing the "A" and "B" grades in place of the honours classification.

DRAMATICS

For the dramatic presentation at Christmas 1963 Fr Barry chose, with some trepidation, Robert Bolt's *A Man For All Seasons*. He felt that it really required a maturer cast than a secondary school could provide. As it turned out, excellent acting, good delineation of character and splendid diction carried the day and the play was well served by Peter Walsh in the eponymous role of Sir Thomas More, ably supported by John Fanagan as his daughter Meg, Desmond Mulligan as Wolsey, David Liddy as Chapuys, Terence Brown as Norfolk, John Finan as More's wife and Francis Hickey as Henry VIII.

The concert at the Distribution of Prizes the following summer followed the traditional lines, a mixture of choral verse-speaking and choral singing. For Christmas Fr Barry chose Shakespeare for the first time for many years. He was influenced by the fact that it was the 400th Anniversary of playwright's birth. *Twelfth Night* was chosen as less frequently seen. David Liddy as Sir Toby Belch carried the play, in Fr Barry's estimation. David went on to make a career for himself in acting after he had gained a degree in Economics and Politics in UCD. He directed plays in UCD winning Irish University Drama Association Festival awards in successive years, and after college helped found the Dublin Stage Company which included Sorchá Cusack, one of the many talented daughters of Cyril Cusack. Some TV presentation work followed at home before he tried his hand in England where there were more opportunities, and after some minor jobs which he did well enough to gain attention, spent two years as manager of the Manchester Opera House and then General Manager of the Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool. When a vacancy as

manager of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin appeared he applied and got the position. He was well supported in *Twelfth Night* by Neil O'Shea as Orsino, John Fanagan as Olivia, John Finan as Malvolio, Joseph Kenny as Antonio and Bernard Somers as the Priest.

For the prize-giving concerts in summer 1965, the junior school concert followed the usual choral verse-speaking and singing, while the senior concert was mainly choral singing with a few extracts from plays by Second Year for variety. At Christmas Fr Barry reverted to farce, but was really forced into this by having to abandon, for reason of inadequate acting material, his original choice of *The Happiest Days of Your Life*. He was further handicapped by illness among the cast both earlier on and on the eve of the dress rehearsal which forced the abandonment of the usual Sunday preview attended by the neighbouring convents. It became a postview the following Sunday. *The Mummy and the Mumps* takes place in a girls school and called for a number of female impersonations. For the third year running John Fanagan took the lead here and proved excellent as indeed were Walter Scales, Gerard Walsh, Carl Opperman and Donal Donovan. Peter Caffrey, Neil O'Shea and Philip Bourke played the main male roles.

This was the last production for some years because of the work on re-structuring the Junior School. When dealing with this earlier on we mentioned that the hall and stage were renovated and painted as part of the project. This was not what Fr Barry had hoped for. He had envisaged knocking down the hall completely and reconstructing it entirely, since he considered it completely decayed. He wanted the slope on the stage removed, a cyclorama constructed and good lighting put in. None of these things was done. A completely new floor was put in which was a great improvement, but the walls were merely plastered over and then found to be full of dry rot, so the plastering had to be re-done. The lighting was improved but the switch-board was put in the wrong place and the new curtain worked from the wrong side. An amount of stage property including scenery was destroyed in the fire in the new bicycle-shed, so new flats, doors etc were bought in Dockrell's and shelves put up in the dressing room, which still had the dust-gathering cement floor. It was a big improvement, but in the view of Fr Barry an opportunity lost of doing a really fine job.

Although no theatrical or musical presentation was given from May 1966 until May 1969 because of the building activities, Miss Cranny continued her sterling work with the Junior School and the junior classes in the Senior School in elocution, verse-speaking and drama, so that the stream of talented actors and speakers that the school had become accustomed to call upon for the Senior productions in no way dried up. When the BBC came to Ireland



Denis Byrne (Rich) and
Peter Walsh
(Sir Thomas More).



"Man for All Seasons"
John Finan (Lady Alice) and
Peter Walsh
(Sir Thomas More).



John Fanagan (Lady Margaret)
and Peter Walsh
(Sir Thomas More).



John Finan (*Malvolio*),
John Fanagan (*Olivia*) and
Neil O'Shea
(*Feste the Clown*).



"*Twelfth Night*"
Neil O'Shea (*Feste the Clown*)
and Walter Scales (*Viola*)



Bart McKenna (*Maria*)
and David Liddy (*Sir Toby*)

in 1968 to cast for a production they were making of Patricia Lynch's children's story, *The Bookshop On The Quay*, it was to Miss Cranny's pupils in St Mary's and St Louis's that they turned, and from the Press reports, they were tremendously impressed by the talent and poise of the Irish children they recruited. Taking the leads were Francis O'Donnell and Eoghan Redmond of St Mary's and Siobhan McCarthy of St Louis's. Incidentally, Siobhan's father, Tony, himself went to St Mary's with his brother, Gerry, both of whom appeared in school productions. They lived in No 64 Rathmines Rd opposite the College, in one of the two houses now owned by the Holy Childhood. Siobhan McCarthy went on to star in many West End musical productions, including *Evita*, *Chess*, *Cats*.

In May 1969 the Annual Prize-giving Concert could again be held and was successfully produced once more by Miss Cranny (choral Verse) and Fr Maiben (choral singing).

GAMES

Rugby

We have already seen how well the 60s started for games in the school with the first winning of the Leinster Senior Schools cup in 1961. In 1963-64 with only three defeats since the opening of the season in September, St Mary's approached the Cup season under the captaincy of Niall Coleman with confidence. Castleknock and Clongowes barred the way to the final. Knock had a powerful pack, gaining constant possession from the tight and line-out. It was a hard tight battle settled by a single penalty goal from the boot of Paul Doddy. N. J. Dunne of the *Irish Independent* described it thus:

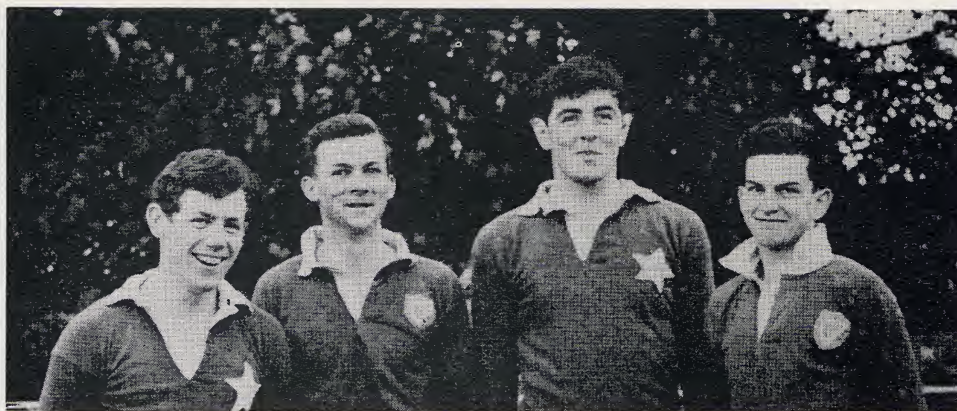
One of the mightiest penalty kicks ever seen in Schools rugby lofted St Mary's into the second round of the Schools' Cup at Donnybrook yesterday. – a gigantic 45 yard effort by left winger P. Doddy that cleared the bar with plenty of spare.

The Clongowes pack in the next round was not as strong and St Mary's, with the wind, racked up 11 points through Paul Doddy with a try, conversion and two penalties. Even against the wind in the second half they gave no quarter and Clongowes' only reply was a penalty. St Mary's ended with a flourish when Michael Forde went over for a try.

On to the final and another tilt at Blackrock in a titanic struggle up front. Let Sean Diffley of the *Irish Press* sum up:

*Schools' Rugby
Interprovincials, 1964*

*Gerry O'Hagan
(Connaught),
Gerry Moloney
(Leinster),
Michael Glynn
(Connaught),
Paul Doddy (Leinster).*



*Schools' Rugby
Interprovincials, 1965*

*Back: Jim McDonnell
(Connaught),
Shay Deering (Leinster),
Front: Robin Bailey
(Leinster),
Ron Foley (Leinster),
Gerry O'Hagan
(Connaught).*

*Schools' Rugby
Interprovincials, 1966*

*Back: H. Murphy
(Leinster),
D. Byrne (Leinster),
R. Foley (Leinster),
J. Moloney (Leinster).
Front: C. Mullaney
(Conaught),
S. Deering (Leinster),
R. Bailey (Leinster).*



In this match the forward duel was as fierce as will be seen this year. There was no back play – the marking was too keen for that. Blackrock won because they made no mistakes . . .

This must be the best Blackrock pack for a number of years. St Mary's, it must be stressed, were worthy opponents. There were no finer forwards on the field than Michael Glynn, a towering second row player, and prop Barry O'Sullivan. Against any other opposition this pack would have gained the upper hand.

Result: Blackrock 9 (3 pens) St Mary's 0.

Four of that gallant team gained Interprovincial caps, Paul Doddy and Gerry Moloney for Leinster; Michael Glynn and Garry O'Hagan for Connaught.

The Juniors went into the 1963-64 season as cup-holders under the captaincy of Henry Murphy, assisted by Shay Deering. On paper they did not look as formidable as the year before, although the excellent partnership between scrum-half Johnny Moloney and Henry Murphy continued from where it had left off the year before. As they chalked up victory after victory and a number of narrow defeats, the confidence grew as the Cup approached. But that proved as unpredictable as ever. An 11-6 defeat of The High School in the last minute, which relied on the kicking of Brian Godfrey did not inspire confidence. The next outing, against Terenure in a near-gale force wind, proved their undoing. Two mistakes let Terenure in with an 8-3 victory. A player to figure prominently on that team and to go on to a successful rugby career with the Club was Liam Naughton, for a long time now a valuable member of the Staff of the College.

The Under-13s were unstoppable that season. They played 27 matches and won 27. They scored 472 points and had only 31 scored against them. Their line was crossed only 4 times, and they held the opposition scoreless on 19 occasions. Captained by P. Delaney with D. Coleman as Vice-Captain, they combined fitness and stamina with the basic skills and teamwork, to overcome all obstacles. The wealth of talent at hand that year is shown by the fact that 33 players were used. The names of some of these became household names in the years after, like Paul Andreucetti, Liam Grissing, Frank Kennedy, Derek Jennings, all of whom gave sterling service to school and club, although not in the positions in which they played as U-13s. They easily won the Provincial's Cup that year.

An excellent record of 21 matches won out of 25 played in the 1964-65 season augured well for the Senior Cup. Wins against Wesley (24-0), CBC Monkstown (22-0), Belvedere (14-0) set up a semi-final match with Castleknock. The fixture was postponed because of rain and the condition of the ground and when the postponed date turned out wet, it was only after consultation with all parties concerned and the difficulty in finding an alternate date that the game was played on a pitch which was in the words of Paul McWeeney of the *Irish Times*, "An expanse of soft treacherous mud . . . It was a pity either side had to lose on such a day". In the eighth minute of injury time with the second last kick of the match Castleknock scored a penalty which put them into the final. That fine St Mary's team produced five Interprovincials, Robin Bailey, Ron Foley and Shay Deering for Leinster; Garry O'Hagan and Jim McDonnell for Connaught.

The JCT was captained this year by Johnny Moloney. They were a small team but full of spirit. They accounted for Terenure in the first round of the Cup but succumbed to Castleknock in the second.

The U-13s set out to emulate their predecessors and scored 540 points in 22 matches, but were beaten in the final of the Cup 6-13 by Willow Park.

1965-66 was another great season and saw the Leinster Schools Senior Cup on its way back to Rathmines once more. Shay Deering was the inspiring Captain, Johnny Moloney and Henry Murphy the halves, who would continue their partnership into Interprovincial



Leinster Schools' Senior Cup Winners, 1966

Back: T. Doddy, J. Gilsean, P. Boylan, R. Foley, D. Byrne, W. Hooper, G. Sharvin, C. Mullaney.
Seated: G. Smyth, H. Murphy, S. Deering (Capt), G. Saab, R. Bailey.
Front: J. Moloney, L. Naughton.

status at both Schools and Senior level. St Joseph's Blackheath came before Christmas to play and St Mary's returned the visit after Christmas and also played St Mary's, Sidcup during the tour. But all this was very much peripheral to the real business of the season – the Cup. This was a difficult campaign. There were no easy matches. As their trainer, Fr Walter Kennedy wrote in the *School Annual*:

“All four Cup games had to be fought with the utmost determination and purpose, from the back-to-the-wall defensive opening game against Terenure, to the final against Newbridge, where twice a lead of 3 points had to be wiped out.”

Terenure were beaten 5-3 in the first round, but were kept at bay only by a most resolute defence. They pounded the St Mary's line for the entire second half in an effort to wipe out the 5 points which came from a try by Murphy in combination with Moloney and converted by Peter Boylan. Terenure's only reward for all their pressure was a penalty. In the second round against Belvedere St Marys' were slow to get into their stride. An equally big Belvedere pack stood up to them well for quite a while, but eventually were overrun and St Mary's scored three tries, two of them by forwards, Hooper and Foley, the third by Murphy. Deering had a hand in all of them. St Mary's were forced to fight all the way in the semi-final against Clongowes, whom they beat by three tries (9 pts) to a try and and

penalty (6 pts). While the tries were scored by the backs, 2 by Bailey in the centre and one by Saab on the wing, the real credit was taken by the St Mary's pack. Bailey was injured and off the field for 20 mins during which Clongowes staged a recovery, but St Mary's held on.

Seven of the team gained Interpros, Murphy, Moloney, Byrne, Foley, Deering and Bailey for Leinster, Mullaney for Connaught.

Great things were expected of the Juniors who had been unbeaten as U-13s in their day. Declan Coleman was Capt. and Ciaran O'Connell Vice-Capt. They sustained only a couple of narrow losses during the season, and while the weather had cancelled match after match coming up to the Cup, it was felt they could still do it. The first round match against CBC Monkstown was played on a pitch which favoured no one. In the last minute of the game a relieving kick was charged down and CBC won the race for the touchdown. The final whistle blew after the failed conversion.

1966-67 might easily have been a let-down after the heroics of the previous year, but the return of such stalwarts as Johnny Moloney, Liam Naughton, Greg Smyth, Peter Boylan, Charlie Mullaney put great backbone into the side. They did not have a brilliant friendly season, losing seven of their twenty-two matches, but in the Cup they refused to be beaten, living on a knife-edge, surviving by a thread. They beat Pres. Bray 9-6 in the first round, surviving a second-half onslaught that should have overwhelmed them. Next it was Castleknock, 9-8, with a last-minute try by Johnny Moloney settling a closely contested and memorable encounter. It was 11-9 in the semi-final against Clongowes and once more it was Johnny Moloney who snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with a last-minute try again in a game which was the most exciting of the competition. In contrast, the final against Rock was almost an anti-climax. After a scoreless first half, Rock ran in three tries and St Mary's pressed hard but it was only just before the final whistle that they were rewarded with a try by Peter Boylan. 11-3. Five Interpros came from the team, Johnny Moloney, Greg Smyth and Peter Boylan for Leinster, Charlie Mullaney and Paddy Keogh for Connaught. In addition, Moloney and Mullaney were appointed captains of their respective provinces.

With just 4 defeats in 17 matches during the season, the Juniors were a good if lightweight team. They practised hard and were enthusiastic and none more than captain Liam Grissing and his able assistant, Paul Andreucetti. However, the unpredictability of cup rugby asserted itself again and they went down to two penalties by Terenure in their first match.

Aidan Delaney was the only player available to the U-13s from the previous year and did heroic work as captain to instil confidence in the newcomers. If the Juniors were small, these were tiny and were overwhelmed in their first two matches by Belvedere and Willow, which didn't help to inspire confidence. All year they found it hard to get possession from set pieces and had to make-do with morsels from broken play. A 6-0 defeat in the Provincial Cup final with Willow was an honourable defeat.

67-68 was a descent from the heights of the previous years, but not for want of trying. An under-weight team gave of their best without Lady Luck ever smiling on them. They drew with Gonzaga in the first round of the Cup, 3-3, a penalty goal by Gonzaga matched in the closing minutes by a try from St Mary's. The replay ended 3-3 again and went into extra time when St Mary's scored a penalty but Gonzaga a converted try.

The Juniors, captained by Eddie Wigglesworth, started off in brave fashion, carving out a solid 17-6 win over a bigger Roscrea team in the first round, setting up a meeting with Gonzaga, which St Mary's won despite the frowns of Lady Luck. Aidan Delaney broke his wrist in the first five minutes and could take no further part; Maurice Agnoli injured his leg soon after and had to retire. An 8-3 victory was heroic in these circumstances. Belvedere were the opponents in the semi-final which ended in another 3-3 draw. The replay was held



Leinster Schools' Senior Cup Winners, 1969

Back: L. Grissing, E. Wigglesworth, P. Greene, J. Fearon, P. Andreucetti, M. McLaughlin, M. Finlay.

Seated: G. Madden, J. Caffrey, D. Jennings (Capt), C. O'Conaill, J. Kelly.

Front: G. Aylward, T. Lynch.

Absent: B. O'Kelly

after heavy rain and during heavy rain which turned the pitch into a quagmire, giving the light St Mary's pack no footing against their heavier opponents. Belvedere ran out 12-0 winners.

Unbelievably, the heights were scaled again, for the third time in nine years, when St Mary's won the Schools Senior Cup in 68-69. Under the captaincy of Derek Jennings, they looked the part from the very first Cup match, in which they defeated Castleknock by 23 pts to 3. The *Irish Press* summed up their talents thus:

This was a very commendable victory for St Mary's in every way. The Rathmines team played with such zest, spirit and skill, that it would not be foolhardy at this early stage of the competition to make them favourites. The forwards played with energy and vitality which one associates with players of a higher grade of rugby, and their fierce determined rucking was a telling factor in this victory. . . Behind the scrum there was the necessary penetration to translate an abundance of good "ball" into scores. . .

"Another vintage exhibition" against Gonzaga saw them amass 20 pts (a goal, 3 tries, 2 pens.) to 6 (1 try, 1 pen). The forwards broke even but it was the "searing penetration of the backline which enabled them to register another decisive win."

Newbridge were the opponents in the semi-final, which had been postponed until after Easter because of waterlogged grounds, and they produced, as they usually do, the best-drilled pack in the competition, which "won the territorial game hands down", in the words of E. van Esbeck of the *Irish Times*.

"The winners earned their passage to the decider in a game that was in the best tradition of this competition; full of fluid movement and climaxed by the breath-taking finish as Newbridge tried gallantly to gain the vital score needed to wipe out the 4 points by which they trailed from the eighth minute of the second half. That they did not succeed was due to the excellent St Mary's cover which throughout the game was a bulwark that Newbridge found impossible to breach."

Terenure were the co-finalists when St Mary's School team emulated their Club Seniors in carrying off the Leinster Cup. The Club XV had defeated Trinity in what the *Irish Times* described as a match to be remembered, and the final against Terenure was in direct succession for excitement and standard of play.

Three were picked for their Provinces, John Caffrey for Leinster, captaining the team against Munster and Connaught. The game with Ulster was not played due to the lateness of the Schools final. Ciaran O'Connell and Liam Grissing played for Connaught.

There was a Victory Dinner in the College for the team attended by the Captain, Sean Lynch, and coach, Ned Carmody, of the Club XV which had won the Senior Cup. The entire school was then treated to a film in honour of the victory during which highlights of the final were shown. Later, the Club hosted a Dinner for the SCT at which they were presented with Club ties.

The Juniors were led by Jerome Harrington in 68-69. The Hooper twins excelled with Harrington in the pack, but there were serious weaknesses in the backline which showed up in the Cup. A 6-6 draw with Clongowes in the first round was followed by a narrow 8-6 defeat in the replay. But with two Cup wins that season, one must not be greedy.

Athletics

The Annual Sports Day continued to throw up the brilliant individual athlete as had become customary. In 63-64 it was Paul Doddy who won the 100 and 220 in the Leinster Colleges Championships and Jim Fanning, who broke both the High Jump and Triple Jump College records. Jim was to go on to win National honours in the High Jump and represent Ireland on many occasions. Johnny Moloney was beginning to show his pace in the Junior section which would later bring him All-Ireland honours in Colleges sprinting and his place on the wing during Ireland's tour of Australia in 1979. In the Leinster Colleges Championships, 2 gold, 4 silver and 10 bronze medals were won.

In 64-65 Athletics was beginning to be taken a bit more seriously although limited time was always a bugbear. If Easter was late, there could be very little time before the Summer Exams. An inter-school meeting in which Blackrock, Castleknock and St Paul's took part was an earnest of this seriousness, and while St Mary's did not do that well in the more senior ranks, they easily won the U-13 and U-14 sections. In the Leinster Championships the Junior Relay came a close second to O'Connell's, breaking the old record in the process. Beaten by a yard in the Leinster Sports, the Relay team were beaten by inches in the All-Ireland by the same good O'Connell's squad.

In 65-66 the only "friendly" was with Castleknock and there were mixed fortunes. St Mary's won all the Senior events but the Intermediate and Junior sections were not as

*Inter-Colleges Athletic
Successes, 1967*

Back: D. Greene,
J. Moloney, B. Gunn.
Seated: D. Conway,
J. Naughton, G. Aylward.

*All-Ireland Sports:
Senior*

100 Yards: 1. D. Conway
220 Yards: 1. J. Moloney
440 Yards: 3. J. Moloney
Mile: 1. J. Naughton
(4 mins. 18.6 secs. record).

Junior
100 Yards: 2. G. Aylward

*Leinster Sports:
Senior*

100 Yards: 1. D. Conway
220 Yards: 2. J. Moloney
Mile: 1. J. Naughton (record)
3 Miles: 1. J. Naughton (record)
Cross-country: 1. J. Naughton

Junior
100 Yards: 2. G. Aylward

*International
Students' Games:*
D. Conway Third in 100 metres,
Member of winning Relay Team



strong and Castleknock won by a point. In the Leinster Sports Henry Murphy won the 440 in a record-equally 51.8 secs, a feat he repeated in the All-Ireland. The Junior Relay again came good, coming close second to a Blackrock quartet in both Leinster and the All-Ireland, but Rock had to beat the record to win.

66-67 was a good year for athletics, although as usual it was only a small band of enthusiasts who were involved. Cricket and basketball took their toll of the talent available. The outstanding individual this year was John Naughton, whose assiduous practice all the year round saw him reap the rewards of his toil in winning a record-breaking three miles race in the Leinster Championships and a dramatic mile championship in the All-Ireland Sports. Dermot Conway won the 100 and Lynch Cup in Leinster and repeated his win in the All-Ireland. He was selected to represent Ireland in the Catholic Students Games in Strasburg and came a very creditable third in the 100 metres and was a member of the victorious Irish Relay team. Johnny Moloney was second in the Leinster 220 but came good in the All-Ireland to win it. He took second place behind record-breaking Eamon O'Keeffe in the Leinster 440, but after his great effort in the 220 could only manage third in the All-Ireland 440. But he joined up with Conway, Gunn and Greene to win the Leinster Relay. In the Junior section, Gerry Aylward came a close second in the 100. John Naughton's feats were praised in the national press:

John Naughton, a final year St Mary's College pupil, who set a new record time for the mile in the preliminaries, won the event, and also set up a record for the 3 miles in the finals of the Leinster Colleges Championships.

On a track made lifeless because of rain, Naughton's new time of 15 mins 14.9 secs was the best achievement of the afternoon. 80 minutes after leading the field from start to finish to win the mile easily, Naughton strode out in the 3 miles event. . . lapped the rest of the competitors, apart from P. Donnelly of Blackrock, at least once, to cut 13.3 secs off the previous best time. (*Sunday Press*).

It was a thrill-packed afternoon of scintillating record-breaking athletics at Iveagh Grounds where exciting mile and 440 events provided the highlights of the All-Ireland Schools and Colleges Championships.

Stout-hearted John Naughton of St Mary's College slashed the existing mile record by more than eight seconds. This mile was undoubtedly the centrepiece of the afternoon in which conditions were perfect. . .

In the senior 100 yds another St Mary's student, Desmond Conway, scored an inches win from Brendan O'Regan (Crescent). Yet another St Mary's athlete, John Moloney, showed his superb finishing speed and strength when taking the 220 yd title in 22.8 secs, just two tenths of a second outside the record. (*Sunday Independent*)

Cricket

1963-64 was not a very successful season for cricket although the senior team had all played the previous year. The first four League games ended in draws and then St Mary's beat Kings Hospital, Wesley and Sandford before succumbing to High School who contested the final with Blackrock and lost. The Juniors went out of the Cup in the first round to CUS. The U-14s played some good cricket through the season. Although losing to Belvedere early on, they defeated Masonic without loss of a wicket, and Mountjoy. A win over High School would have put St Mary's into the play-off, but they could only draw.

Gerry Moloney and David Balfe were picked for Leinster in the match against Munster and David got a half century. He was also picked against Ulster. Gerry Moloney was unavailable for that match.

In 1964-65 the Senior team was lacklustre and had a poor enough season. The Juniors did much better, reaching the Cup Final only to be beaten by a good Blackrock team because of poor fielding and weak batting. It was left to the Under-14s to restore gloss to the reputation of St Mary's at cricket. They did not seem all that good a squad as the season began under the captaincy of Paul Andreucetti, ably assisted by Liam Grissing, but success breeds success and as they won matches they came to believe in themselves. The first Cup match was really a rout. High School were set 64 to make in 75 minutes. They were all out in less than 30 mins for 19. Masonic nearly put paid to any hope of success when, having made only 34 themselves, they had St Mary's 14 for 6. Eddie Wigglesworth saved the day, pushing the score on to 32 for 8, and then hitting a lusty six into the shrubbery for a heart-stopping win. In the next match, against Terenure, St Mary's felt lucky to have made 70, as five of their batsmen had ducks! But as it transpired, the first four Terenure players also had ducks and they could only summon up 49 runs in reply. The final against Gonzaga was keenly contested. They made a slow 60 all out, and at one stage St Mary's were 13 for 3. But Liam Grissing made a sparkling 27 and Paul Andreucetti a whirlwind 11 to take them out of danger and 61 was reached with the loss of 5 wickets and the Cup was home once more.



*Under 14 Cricket XI
- Cup Winners, 1965*

Standing:

*P. McLaughlin,
E. Wigglesworth,
T. O'Flanagan, R. Foley,
R. Kinane, F. Kennedy,
V. Manning.*

Seated: G. Alyward,

*L. Grissing,
P. Andreucetti (Capt),
A. McShane, G. Sharkey.*

In 1965-66 that U-14 team were Juniors and looked good prospects for the Cup competition when they reached the semi-final against Blackrock. St Mary's made 136, but it was only good fielding that stopped Rock at 81. In the Final against High School, St Mary's put them all out for 82, which was not a great score. However, over-cautious batting put too few runs on the board and when the team's usual sheet-anchor, Liam Grissing, went cheaply, it seemed all up. Paul Andreucetti came in and hit vigorously for a glorious 29 but it was not enough and St Mary's were all out for 62. The U-14s were a good side and lost only to two teams, Willow Park and Gonzaga. Unfortunately, these were the two which contested the final of the Cup.

1966-67 will go down in the records, according to Fr Barry, as the wettest cricket season in living memory. Torrents of rain in April and May, heavy skies and cold winds when play was in any way possible. In the League they won against Mountjoy and Gonzaga, had the match with Sandford washed out and lost a match to Blackrock they could have won. The dismal weather permitted the Juniors to play only six matches, winning four, losing one, having one abandoned. In the Cup they played Masonic first scoring 131. Then rain intervened and the match continued 3 WEEKS LATER! Is this a record? In atrocious conditions Masonic could only muster 31 when the match did continue. Fine weather came for the match with Wesley which was won easily enough. It was unfortunate that the semi-final with the eventual cup-winners, Belvedere, took place the day after the school sports. No one was in form and Belvedere ran out easy winners.

The 1968-69 season was different in that St Mary's were unable to field a senior team. But the U-14s had a very successful season, winning 9 and drawing 4 of their 18 matches under Captain Gerry Delaney, who was to go on with success into the senior ranks with Leinster C.C. In the League they defeated Masonic, Wesley, Gonzaga and St Paul's to earn a place in the final with High School, who were clearly a better team and ran out easy winners.

A feature of cricket during these years was the number of boys from St Mary's who joined Leinster Cricket Club across the road and played in their underage teams during the Summer. It is a practice which continues to this day.

Basketball

By 1963-64 Basketball was so popular that fifteen teams entered for the Senior House League which had to be divided into three sections to cater for them. Having two courts in Kenilworth was a great boon as the League alone comprised thirty matches. There were

seven teams in the Intermediate League and the standard was such that if improvement was maintained St Mary's could once again field a strong College team.

14 teams played 64 games in the Senior League in 1964-65 with a high standard of play right through. Six teams participated in the Intermediate League which was not of a very high standard.

Again no College team was formed but Basketball continued to be very popular in 1965-66 with twelve teams in the Senior League and every match hotly contested. There were eight teams in the Intermediate League but no great improvement in the standard of play.

While Basketball was considered a Summer game, in actual fact it was played all year round, provided there were no calls for rugby practice. In 1966-67 almost every boy in 5th and 6th year took part or an interest in the game and in the fortunes of the teams. This enthusiasm continued in 67-68 and 68-69, and the guiding light and inspiring spirit in all this down through these years was Fr Cyril Byrne, who organised games, secured referees and refereed himself when necessary, although they made it a point that all the refereeing should be done by a panel of boys selected for that job. It was a rule that worked out extremely well in practice.

Tennis

After an absence of some years, in 1963-64 St Mary's entered a team for the Leinster Schools Championships. Those who were interested in the game had five lessons each from the Irish National Coach, Mr John Horn, at the beginning of the season, which at least put them on the right path. Their entry into the competition was for experience rather than with any great expectations of glory, and, in fact, they fell to St Paul's at the first hurdle, but it was valuable experience and one improves only by playing people better than oneself.

A team was not entered in the Leinster Cup in 1964-65, but the Seniors entertained Terenure and the Juniors went to Blackrock for "friendlies", both of which St Mary's lost, though the Juniors gave a good account of themselves. The year was marked by the great increase of interest in the game throughout the school which resulted in Senior, Junior and Intermediate House Tournaments which were extremely successful.

In 1965-66 it was the Juniors who took the limelight and acquitted themselves very well in the Leinster Schools Junior Cup. This cup is contested on a league basis in two sections with the winners of the sections meeting in the final. St Mary's finished with five points out of a possible ten, losing to Gonzaga, receiving a w.o. from St Conleth's and drawing with St Paul's, Gormanston and Terenure, all of whom are veterans of the competition. It was an excellent debut and the outlook was good for a Senior team in the following years.

In 1966-67 the rains that wreaked such havoc with the cricket season had an equally devastating effect on the tennis since all the courts in Kenilworth were grass. It meant that the Senior team went to the hard courts in Bushy Park for their "home" game against Gormanstown with little or no practice. Most of the games were very close showing that in other circumstances St Mary's might well have won. All six members were eligible for the next year. The Juniors got in one game before the weather broke, in which they beat St Fintan's, Sutton, 4-2. After a long delay they faced St Paul's on hard courts, to which they were not accustomed and paid the penalty. A "First" was the appearance of an U-13 tennis team who made an unsuccessful but valuable debut against Terenure.

1967-68 had the best Senior team for many a year and had an outside chance of honours. However, weather was once again a spoilsport and St Mary's had to play their matches against Sutton in the first round once again on hard courts and were narrowly beaten. The

Juniors were a bit better in that Gerry Aylward beat the Castleknock No 1, 6-1, 6-1, to prevent a whitewash. An interesting innovation this season was the introduction by the Nestlé firm of school "ladders", with individual winners meeting winners from other schools in a knock-out competition. St Mary's had four "ladders" of 24 boys arranged according to classes.

The story in 1968-69 was little different. It was Terenure who put out the Seniors in the first round, while the Juniors went down to CUS. However, all nine courts in Kenilworth continued to be crowded every half-day and most other days during the usually short (6 weeks) tennis season.

SCOUTING

32 members of the 7th Dublin, together with their officers and Seniors, spent their 1964 Summer Camp in the Channel Islands after a 24-hour journey by ferry and train, the first attack on Europe by the Troop, although the Senior troop had been to Normandy before. Fr O'Carroll handed over the chaplaincy to Fr David Darcy, thus inaugurating a most happy association which was to flourish for many years. Louis McMullan resigned in 1964 to become Unit Leader. It was no hyperbole when the Knight Chief, Conal Hooper wrote in the 1965 *College Annual* that: Only those who have worked with him can know the debt the Unit him owes for the years when he virtually ran the Unit unaided; it is probably true to say that were it not for Louis McMullan the 7th Dublin would not exist. He was succeeded by Denis Kirby.

In 1964 the Unit, which now comprised a revived Knight Errant Clan of Senior Scouters (under Conal Hooper) as well as a Senior Troop, or Venturers (under Frank Dowling and Donal O'Sullivan) regular Troop and Cub Pack (under Peter Best), won the Diocesan Shield at the Diocesan Sports and retained it with ease in 1965. Louis McMullan, Conal Hooper and Antoine Murphy made a medal-winning team in a number of cross-country competitions. 1966 was notable for many reasons, not least for the many anniversaries taking place, national and local. On the National front it was the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, and it was also the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland. The 7th Dublin took part in the National Camp organised in Lismore with 2,500 scouts participating.

The following were the Summer Camps during the period.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1964	Jersey, Channel Islands	Fr F. Duffy	Louis McMullan
	Rush, County Dublin (Cubs)		Peter Best
1965	Buckmore, Kent	Fr O'Carroll	Louis McMullan
	Dalgan Park (Cubs)		Peter Best
1966	Plymouth	Fr Darcy	Denis Kirby
	Courtown (Cubs)		Peter Best
1967	Lismore, Wexford	Fr Darcy	Denis Kirby
	Courtown, Wexford	Fr Darcy	Peter Best
1968	Youlbury, Oxford (7th)	Fr Darcy	Gerry Sharvin
	Youlbury, Oxford (8th)	Fr Darcy	Jerry Kelly
	Courtown (Cubs)		Peter Best
1969	Lake Windermere	Fr Darcy	Dermot Hogan
			Peter Best
	Courtown (Cubs)		Gerry Costello

PAST PUPILS UNION

The Union continued to maintain the growth in membership that had characterised it now for a number of years, although, as is usually the case with any human organisation, the bulk of the work seemed to devolve onto the shoulders of a dedicated few. However, the dedicated do not mind this too much provided their efforts receive the support from the many, and in this regard the Union activities during the years were very successful. The Annual Mass in November for the deceased past students and past staff-members was well attended every year. The Annual Dinner underwent a number of fluctuations and changes of venue. Attendance in 63-64 was 103, down on the previous year. In the following year the venue was Jury's and the attendance 110 with many complaints about the food. The Clarence hosted a more satisfied attendance of 101 in 65-66, but the Rugby Club-house proved a much better proposition the following year. It was back to the Clarence again in 68-69 with fewer than 100 in attendance. The Annual Dance held in conjunction with the Rugby Club was a continued success. The Turkey Whist Drive at Christmas, which was a success in 1963 with 192 present at 48 tables, fell away sharply the following year to just 24 tables, so its usefulness began to be questioned. It was scrapped the following year. It was a function which had a honourable place in the Union calendar from the Union's beginning, but social tastes had changed and there just was not sufficient support for it. In 65-66 a Social Evening was put in its place and was a great success. During it a presentation was made to the victorious SCT and to Fr Walter Kennedy the Trainer. The Annual Retreats continued for a few years to be held every Palm Sunday week-end in St Joseph's Retreat House, Tallaght, but towards the end of the decade it was decided to change from week-end to one-day Retreats and Good Friday was chosen as the day, a custom which still prevails.

Marian Boys' Club

For a number of years the Union had taken on the Marian Boys Club, run by the Past Students Praesidium of the Legion of Mary, as the Union's form of Catholic Action, but in spite of the work of various Presidents and Committees there was no great response from the general membership. Individual members like Dermot Sullivan who raised £120 with a midnight matinee, Frank Fennell who headed a fund-raising committee, Dermot Smyth and Dermot Sullivan who sought and vetted various premises as to their suitability for the work, and Tony Dudley who acted as Legal Adviser, the Union as such was not very involved until premises were found in Gardiner St and a Limited Company set up to administer the Club and premises, and the Union became a shareholder. In 1965-66 a Golden Guinea Club was formed to provide continuing finance to the Club and to underpin the various one-off events staged to raise funds and this proved very successful. It should also be noted that when the new premises were acquired the 5th and 6th years from the College did sterling work to help in the cleaning, renovating and preparation of the house as a place where young boys would be happy to spend their leisure hours after work.

Lawn Tennis Club

The Lawn Tennis Club continued to thrive and to improve both the premises and the number of members. In 1964-65 extensions were added to the pavilion to give extra shower and dressing rooms. The weekly dances in the dance hall were a profitable source of income and recruitment. However, the general cry in the annual Secretary's Report was that not enough past students of the College were joining the Club and the Club, with no one from the Union or in any way connected with the School involved in the administration, was in danger of losing its St Mary's identity, which would be a tragedy after all the work the past students had put into its founding and development. Sadly, the situation is little better in 1990.

The 60s continued to be a period of expansion for the Club at all levels, membership, playing, premises, all helping to keep the Club in the forefront of rugby clubs throughout the country. During the closed season in 1963 work on a new premises incorporating a fine dance hall and an extended and modernised bar was begun and finished in October. On October 16 they were officially opened by the President of the IRFU, Mr Tommie O'Reilly, in the presence of officials of the IRFU, Leinster Branch and other Leinster Clubs. On Sunday, October 20, the premises were blessed by Fr P. J. Murray, President of St Mary's College, and this was followed by an enjoyable match between St Mary's and a team selected by the President of the Leinster Branch, Dr Karl Mullen, and captained by St Mary's past pupil, Jimmy Kelly of UCD, who won 28-21. This was the first match played under the new rules which had just been brought in, most notably in the matter of kicking directly to touch only from within the 25. In all this activity the Club was fortunate in having as its President, Frank Reddy who did not spare himself and attended every function and every match in which the club was involved. The Club was saved considerable expense in having Dermot P. Smyth to design the new building and supervise its construction, and Tommy Kearns as consultant for the electrical work.

On the field of play, the 1st XV, captained by Dermot Moloughney, had the best playing record in Leinster and were only narrowly beaten, 3-5, by the eventual cup-winners, UCD under Jimmy Kelly, in the semi-final. Dermot was the top try-scorer in Leinster and was picked once more by Munster. Denis Hickie and Bela Kos were picked for Leinster and Co Dublin. The 2nd XV reached the semi-final of the Junior League but were put out of the Metropolitan Cup by the winners, UCD, in the first round. But, for the third successive year, the 3rd XV brought back a trophy to St Mary's. Under Matt Jones they won the Minor Cup for the second time in three years. The 3rd A retained the Cliff House Cup in their annual match with Greystones, and reached the semi-final of the Moran Cup, where they were beaten only in extra time. The 3rd B also reached the semi-final of the Winters Cup of which they were holders. The 3rd C played all season but unfortunately had no competition on which to cut their teeth.

The new premises had a double badminton court which enticed a number of members, Fred Cogley, the Bevan brothers, and Des White to form a Badminton section with the advice of International player, J. J. Fitzgibbon. It was to become a very popular aspect of Club activity.

No human activity can remain on a high all the time and the 1964-65 season could be termed a low, given the exceedingly high standard the Club had reached. The only trophies won were the Keating Sevens and North Kildare Sevens, both won by the 2nd XV under Matt Jones. The 1st XV bowed out of the Cup in the first round, but the 2nd and 3rd won their sections of their Leagues and reached the semi-finals, where they were both beaten only narrowly. In the Cup the 2nds reached the quarter-final. New ground was broken when the 3rd A travelled to London to play and beat a London team, Shirley. Also when St Mary's and Terenure combined to play a team selected by Jimmy Kelly.

1965-66 saw the Club coming back to its rightful level when the 1st XV reached the final once more of the Leinster Cup under the captaincy of Denis Hickie. From the start of the season they exhibited an ability to play good football and also win matches. A trip to Liverpool on which they played the famous Waterloo Club and held them to 13-11, so impressed their opponents that they asked for a return match in Dublin the next year. In the Cup they accounted for two of the best teams in the competition, Belvedere and UCD, in exhausting encounters. The final against Terenure was one of the best ever seen in Lansdowne. Beset with injuries, St Mary's fought like tigers only to be narrowly beaten. Denis Hickie and Eddie O'Dwyer got Interprovincial caps while

Ned Carmody was picked for Dublin. The 2nd XV retained the Keating Sevens. This season saw the first Dinner held by the Club in the Club premises and it was an unqualified success, due mainly to the wonderful organisation by the committee of Matt Gilson, Joe Fanagan and Donal Mullan, the Club Captain. It was to become a successful annual affair. The Club gave permission to the local parish to erect a temporary school for 3 years on part of the grounds, in return for which, as well as a small rent, the parish built a permanent toilet block which was to remain for the Club's use when the temporary school was removed. The Club also gave the use of the clubhouse for a parochial Sale of Work. Gerry Boyd was appointed Hon. Treasurer of the Leinster Branch, and with Dermot Smyth as Club Representative, formed a strong Club presence at headquarters.

Denis Hickie was again Captain in the 1966-67 season, which began with the return visit of Waterloo who were held to a draw. Later the famous Blackheath Club from London came over and were convincingly beaten. Unfortunately St Mary's were very inconsistent, mixing brilliant play with lacklustre performance. In his Annual Report, the Hon Secretary, Harry McGuinness, offered the explanation that the many calls on Denis Hickie for International (he was sub 3 times) and also Interprovincial duty deprived the team of the necessary leadership with consequent erratic displays. With 436 points St Mary's were the highest-scoring club in Ireland, while Sean Cooke, with 192 of them, established a new post-war record. Denis Hickie had the honour of being the first club-member to be picked for an Ireland Touring team. While he did not get a test against Australia he did play extremely well in many of the tour matches. Terry O'Neill was picked for Connaught and Jimmy Kelly for Leinster. The 3rd XV reached the final of the Minor Cup where they were beaten by a very strong Wanderers team, while the 3rd As reached the semi-finals of both League and Cup only to be narrowly beaten in both when with a little luck they might have won through. Eight teams in all were fielded that season although it was not always easy to get opposition for them. One departure in the previous season was the decision to entertain visiting teams in the Clubhouse instead of in hotels. It was done first with Carlow and Devlin and proved so successful that all other visitors were entertained there for the remainder of the season and from then on, even the overseas visitors, including Junior Clubs from Holyhead, Moseley and Perthshire. The second Annual Dinner was as big a success as the first and became a fixture on the calendar. Frank Reddy organised a Theatre Evening which was one of the most enjoyable nights of the year and also became a fixture. Badminton flourished and Darts, under the guidance of Tommy Dorgan, who organised matches with other Clubs, was one of the most popular indoor pastimes in the Club. Saturday night dances were a regular source of income, and not just in bar receipts. But all these varied activities called for enormous resources in personnel and work which was cheerfully given with little more thanks than the gratification of a job well done. When the Club's history comes to be written, perhaps those unsung volunteers will receive a fitting memorial.

In 1968-69 St Mary's hit the heights again with a win in the Leinster Senior Cup under the captaincy of Sean Lynch, with Ned Carmody as Coach. It was a win that gave the College a remarkable double as the Senior Schools Cup had already been won that season. The season began inauspiciously with a trouncing, 31-3, from Bective. Six further defeats before Christmas didn't augur well but were mixed with some good victories which gave some hope. They were to be the last defeats. From then till the Cup campaign it was all victories, some exceedingly narrow perhaps, but still victories. Old Wesley went under 25-11 in the first round, then Monkstown were accounted for, 17-12 before a meeting with favourites UCD in the semi-final. Playing their best football to date, St Mary's sparkled and finished convincing winners by 27-6. Meanwhile Trinity had won their way to the final. They were very much on top in the first half although they could only put 3 pts on



Leinster Senior Cup Winners, 1969

Back: E. Carmody, T. McCormick, J. Cagney, D. Byrne, J. B. S. Sweeney, G. Glendon, D. Mullen, S. Cooke, T. Deering, W. Meehan.

Seated: D. Moloughney, W. Kenny, D. Hickie, S. Lynch (Capt), A. Andreucetti, S. Finlay, K. Corrigan.

Front: J. Moloney, T. Young.

the board. Early in the second half they added another three and the St Mary's support was decidedly uneasy with thoughts of the final defeats in '60, '63 and '66. But a penalty goal by Sean Cooke was the signal for an all-out offensive and with the last kick of the match, Donal Mullan equalised with a magnificent drop-goal, setting up a replay which followed a similar pattern to the first with St Mary's 11-3 down with just a few minutes left. Again St Mary's rallied and Johnny Moloney scored a try, Then in the dying seconds of the match, Sean Cooke scored a try under the posts which he converted to level the scores. Extra time remained scoreless almost to the end when the same Sean Cooke kicked a penalty which gave St Mary's the Cup. The *Irish Times* correspondent summed it up as follows:

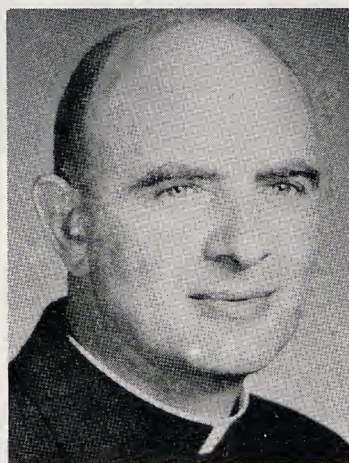
The 1969 Leinster Senior Cup Final deserves to be remembered and discussed for many years to come as no finer or more dramatic matches were ever seen in the 87 year old history of the competition, than those between St Mary's and Dublin University.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
John Flavin	(1947-55)	1964	CSSp
Denis Horgan	(1954-57)	1964	Dominicans
Noel O'Meara	(1951-55)	1965	CSSp
Edward Quinn	(1953-59)	1965	Oblates of Mary
Patrick Carroll	(1947-52)	1966	CSSp
Dermot Burke	(1953-60)	1966	Hexham Diocese
Brian McLaughlin	(1948-58)	1967	CSSp
Heber McMahon	(1949-60)	1967	Dublin Diocese
Michael McGlade	(1950-59)	1968	Arundel & Brighton
Patrick Cullen	(1953-59)	1969	Birmingham, Alabama USA

Chapter Seventeen

1969-1975



President
Very Rev James Hurley

REVEREND FATHERS

- Walter Kennedy – Vice-President (1969-74) – 6th Year Form Master (1972-75)
David Darcy – Assistant Headmaster and Inter. Form Master (1969-72)
– Professor (1965-)
John Hourigan – Dean, Junior School (1963-71)
Sean Little – Dean, Junior School (1971-80) – Professor (1970-71)
Cyril Byrne – Senior Form Master (1969-72) – Professor (1962-)
Henry Moloney – Junior Form Master (1969-72)
John Byrne – Bursar (1969-72) – Professor (1972-)
Edward Burke – Professor (1961-83)
Patrick Murray – Professor (1969-72)
Francis Barry – Professor (1944-84)
Martin Maiben – Professor (1954-84)
Gerald Lord – Professor (1956-79)
Arthur Carragher – Professor (1969-72)
John Cahill – Professor (1969-70)
Joseph Beere – Professor (1968-70)
Noel Gavin – Professor (1970-75)
Richard Lehane – Professor (1970-72) – Bursar (1972-75)
Dr Michael Kennedy – Retired (1971-77+)
Denis McManus – Professor (1971-72)
Thomas Maguire – Professor (1972-75)
Liam Martin – Professor (1972-75)
Patrick Reedy – Professor (1972-73) – 1st Year Form Master (1972-73)
Vincent O'Grady – Professor (1974-81)

LAY PROFESSORS

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| <p>Philip McCabe – Professor (1942-73)
 – Vice Principal (1971-72)
 Pól Uasal Mac Murchú – Professor (1958-)
 – Vice Principal (1972-)
 – 4th Year Form Master (1972-75)
 Noel P. Doyle – Professor (1964-)
 – 5th Year Form Master (1972-75)
 Patrick Henry – Professor (1964-83)
 Peter Quinn – Professor (1965-)
 – 3rd Year Form Master (1972-75)
 Sean McCarthy – Professor (1966-)
 Aubrey O'Donoghue – Professor (1966-72)
 Mrs K. McDermott – Professor (1967-72)
 Ms S. Murphy – Professor (1967-70)
 Mrs Mary Brinkworth – Professor (1969-71+)
 David Morris – Professor (1969-73)
 Ms A. Morrissey – Professor (1968-72)
 Ms K. Walsh – Professor (1969-72)
 Ms P. Cassidy – Professor (1969-72)
 Ms M. Browne – Professor (1964-70)
 Mrs Brid Roberts – Professor (1970-76)
 Ms Teresa Buckley – Professor (1970-73)
 C. Brannigan – Professor (1971-)
 Terence Newell – Professor (1971-)
 Kevin Lewis – Professor (1971-)
 – 2nd Year Form Master (1972-75)
 Francis Conlon – Professor (1972-89)
 B. Brophy – Professor (1972-74)
 James Corbett – Professor (1972-77)
 J. Crowley – Professor (1972-)</p> | <p>J. Gillespie – Professor (1972-)
 A. Gorman – Professor (1972-75)
 James Kirby – Professor (1972-74)
 Michael Leonard – Professor (1972-)
 James Breslin – Professor (1972-73)
 Michael Watters – Professor (1972-73)
 David Moylan – Professor (1972-)
 K. Murphy – Professor (1973-78)
 Ms E. Behan – Professor (1972-76)
 Mrs M. Kelly – Professor (1973-77)
 Ms G. Pierce – Professor (1973-74)
 S. Cummins – Professor (1974-75)
 Liam Naughton – Professor (1974-)
 Ms M. Culhane – Professor (1974-76)
 Mrs M. O'Mahony – Professor (1974-75)
 Mrs C. Buckley – Professor (1974-75)</p> <p>Ms Maire Cranny – Elocution (1944-90)
 Ms Cassidy – Elocution (1972-74)
 Mrs Spinks – Singing (1967-72)
 Ms Maureen Valentine – Singing (1972-88)
 Ms M. Murphy – Art (1969-70)
 Ms A. Whittle – Art (1970-72)
 Mr G. Hegarty – Art (1970-72)
 D. O'Gorman – Art (1972-74)
 Morosini Whelan – Dancing (1954-70)
 P. Bolton – Dancing (1972-74)
 Oliver Dunne – Physical Education (1961-)
 Mrs T. Boyle – Physical Education (1973-75)</p> |
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H. DIP. CANDIDATES

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| <p>Rev P. Harrington
 Rev V. McCarthy
 Mr Kevin Lewis
 Rev P. Reedy CSSp.</p> | <p>Mr O'Rourke
 Sr B. Reynolds
 Rev P. Tierney OSB</p> | <p>Sr Clare Sykes
 Mr D. Coleman
 Ms Helen Keogh</p> |
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James Hurley, CSSp.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT and Principal of the school was Fr James Hurley. He was born in Clonakilty, county Cork in 1930 and did his secondary studies in Rockwell College. He joined the Holy Ghost Congregation on leaving school in 1948 and after completing his degree in UCD and his philosophical studies in Kimmage Manor, he was sent to the Gregorian University in Rome where he obtained his STL and was ordained priest in 1957. On returning to Ireland in 1958 he joined the staff of St Mary's for a year while doing the H.DIP. He was then appointed to Rockwell College where for ten years he filled many posts including Dean of Studies. In 1969 he came to St Mary's as President and Principal for six years before handing over the presidency to Fr William Nugent. He held the post of principal for a further two years until his appointment as Provincial Councillor of the Holy Ghost Fathers with responsibility for educational matters. At the end of six years, in 1983, he returned to Rockwell College as President.



As can be seen from the above lists, the number on the academic staff continued to grow to keep pace with the increased number of students on the roll and the expanding syllabus. A radical change was made in the first year of Fr Hurley's guidance of the college, when, instead of the traditional Dean of Studies and Dean of Discipline, it was decided to divide the senior school into three sections, senior, intermediate and junior, with a dean in charge of each who would combine the former duties of deans of studies and discipline, each in his own section. It was thought that in this way the load would be more equitably shared. Fr Cyril Byrne was the first Senior Dean, Fr David Darcy the Intermediate and Fr Henry Moloney the first Junior Dean. The experiment was tried for three years, but was found to be less than satisfactory and abandoned in favour of a Form Master in charge of each year: Fr W. Kennedy, 6th; Noel Doyle, 5th; Pól Mac Murchú, 4th; Peter Quinn, 3rd; Kevin Lewis, 2nd; Fr Reedy, 1st. Another change was the separation of the offices of headmaster and president, though the two continued to be held for some years by the same person. In turn there was also a vice-principal as well as a vice-president. Fr Walter Kennedy, with his wealth of experience from almost thirty years as a professor and dean in the senior school, was the vice-president until he retired in 1979. Mr Philip McCabe, who had served equally long on the senior staff, was the first vice-principal, and, on his retirement in 1971, the office went to Mr Pól Mac Murchú.

1973 saw the retirement of one of the longest serving and most respected teachers in the college. Mr McCabe taught in the junior school for four years before joining the senior school, where he considered it to be his mission to inculcate a knowledge and love of the native language, which he did with refreshing vigour and enthusiasm. He was particularly interested, according to Pól Uasal Mac Murchú in an article written in the 1974 College Annual, in the weaker student, and with his hard work and the co-operation of the boys it was soon his proud boast that nobody failed in Irish in the Intermediate or Leaving Cert. He always claimed that the real test of a teacher was the ability to get through to the weaker student. His dedication to his work was phenomenal. Although he had to travel down from Skerries every morning, he was never late, and only the death of a near relative or school business could keep him from class. Although often stricken in his later years with severe laryngitis, he never considered it an excuse to stay at home. The esteem in which he was held was particularly evident on occasions such as Sports



College Staff, 1970

Back: Fr. H. F. Moloney, Fr. G. Lord, Mr. S. McCarthy, Fr. J. Byrne, Fr. M. Maiben, Mr. P. Henry, Mr. P. Quinn, Fr. J. Beere.

Centre: Fr. J. Hourigan, Mr. D. Morris, Fr. E. Burke, Fr. C. Byrne, Mr. N. Doyle, Fr. A. Carragher, Mr. P. McCabe, Fr. F. Barry.

Front: Pól Uas. Mac Murchú, Mrs. K. McDermott, Miss S. Murphy, Mrs. M. Brinkworth, Fr. J. Hurley, Miss A. Morrissey, Miss M. Browne, Fr. W. Kennedy.

Not present: Fr. P. J. Murray, Fr. D. Darcy, Miss K. Walshe, Miss Marie Cranny and Mr. O. Dunne.

Day when past pupils would throng round him to shake his hand. Even today numerous boys are convinced that they would not have passed their exams but for him. He was conscious that he was carrying on a tradition of outstanding lay teachers stretching back to the very first days of the school and which included, besides such more recent figures as Messrs Gallagher, Nagle and Barrett, such names as De Valera, Archdeacon McMahon, Professor Louis Roche. Philip was proud of this tradition and enriched it by his hard work, dedication, punctuality, patience and good example.

It was during this period also that the school lost Fr Joe Gilmore, the first-ever Dean of the Junior School and former president, who died after a short illness in 1971. The same year saw the death of Fr Edward Gorman, who served nine years on the senior staff before taking over the duties of College Bursar. Born in county Donegal, Fr Gorman went to school in Blackrock College and went on the Missions at the end of his studies in Kimmage Manor. He was an assistant to Fr Dick Lehane in a parish in Onitsha Archdiocese when he was severely burned in a fire when he was preparing to go out on a night-time sick call. He returned to Ireland where he had to spend long and painful months undergoing treatment, during which he displayed the greatest fortitude and unfailing cheerfulness. After his discharge from hospital and a period of convalescence, he was appointed to St Mary's where he attended UCD, obtaining a B.A. in Economics and History and the next year a Diploma in Education. In 1964 he became a full-time member of the staff in the senior

school and later filled the position of College Bursar. In April of 1969 he became gravely ill and cancer was diagnosed which quickly took its toll of his already weak constitution. He went to Lourdes during the summer, from which he returned totally resigned to God's Will. He died on October 11. 1969 at the age of 45.

The deaths of a number of former staff members occurred at this period: Mr John Gallagher, one of the founder-members of the re-opened School in 1926; Fr John Nealon, who was on the staff for about ten years in the late '20s and 30s, during which time he was Dean of Discipline for a time; Fr Patrick Townsend, a prefect in the early '40s, when, with Fr Michael Troy (now in Canada), he was a stalwart on the St Mary's Club senior team. Fr Townsend went on to spend twenty years in Nigeria. When war in that country interfered with missionary activity, Fr Pat volunteered to go to Mexico where priests were urgently needed. There he endeared himself to the people by his simplicity and untiring devotion to their welfare. To this day his grave is a place of pilgrimage to the people of the surrounding districts. Two other staff members were Mrs Mary Brinkworth, the first full-time lady teacher in the senior school, and Miss Courtney, who was on the staff for five years before her untimely death in 1969.

DEVELOPMENT

The previous period had seen such an unprecedented spate of physical development, resulting in a totally re-structured junior school, the extension of the grounds by the acquisition of a strip of land along the northern boundary, a new gymnasium with showers and dressing-rooms, new entrance gates leading on to the Rathmines Road,



Fr. James Hurley at the Blessing of the new Scout Den in Kenilworth in 1971.

Behind is Sean O'Byrne, Chairman of Troop Committee (partly hidden).

the complete re-furbishment of the assembly hall and stage, it is not surprising that there was an easing of the activity for a time. But it was just an easing off, not a suspension of activity. The target now was the grounds at Kenilworth Square, where work had continued in a minor key in improving the hedge and shrubbery round the perimeter, and on levelling the pitches and cricket creases. A major job on the drainage was completed at this time and work on the new Scout Den soon came to a completion.

In May, 1971 the planning permission came through and the entire Scout Unit pitched in to clear the site of small trees, brush and undergrowth. Cost was minimised by the use of direct labour, and also by the fact that Mr J. Carmody, who very kindly offered to organise the construction of the building, was able to acquire cheaply such items as windows which had not been made to the correct specifications for some other building. Philip Shaffrey, himself a former scouter, was able to incorporate them into the design he made for the den. The building consists of a large hall used by scouts and cubs, officers' room, seniors' room, store room, kitchen, and toilets. The realisation of the unit's dreams in this new den was the fruit of extremely hard work, not only by the members of the unit, but particularly by the Committee headed by Mr Sean O'Byrne, himself a former scout of the HQ troop (along with the author) from the days before the establishment of the St Mary's unit. Cheese and Wine parties, musical evenings, garden parties, were among the fund-raising activities, while a Ladies committee was tireless in arranging coffee mornings, jumble sales and bring-and-buy sales. The reward for all their hard work was a purpose-built home for the unit, ideally suited for all the indoor activities of scouting. The crowning of the work was the Solemn Blessing of the completed den by the President, Fr James Hurley, assisted by the Unit Chaplain, Fr David Darcy, in the presence of the full muster of every section from the cubs up, together with the members of the Troop Committee who had done such great work in raising the necessary funds.

ENROLMENT

Between 1969 and 1975 the school enrolment rose from 621 (325 in the senior school; 296 in the junior) to 719 (388 in the senior school; 331 in the junior).

ACADEMICS

In 1969 the Department of Education introduced a new system of grading in the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate examinations, replacing the old Honours and Pass labels with Grades from "A" to "F".

The following are the results for the period under review with this new system:

<i>Leaving Certificate</i>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>"A"</i>	<i>"B"</i>
1969	40	11	24
1970	48	20	28
1971	48	3	25
1972	55	2	28
1973	50	4	47
1974	47	5	21
1975	51	6	39

<i>Intermediate Certificate</i>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>"A"</i>	<i>"B"</i>
1969	52	13	62
1970	52	12	96
1971	55	12	92
1972	49	8	73
1973	63	19	106
1974	65	33	155
1975	60	29	75

DEBATING SOCIETY

Prominent among the successes of this period were those of the College Debating Teams. We have seen that the art of public speaking was cultivated from the earliest days of the school and that it continued to be exercised in after life by the past students, many of whom distinguished themselves, not only in third level institutions, but in the courts of law as worthy advocates. In 1970-71 the college won two major debating trophies, the Leinster and then the All-Ireland Finals of the Safety First Association Schools' Debating Competition. The St Mary's team, comprising David O'Sullivan, Patrick Power and Brian Fitzgerald, defeated CBS Drimnagh in the Leinster final and thus St Mary's became the first boys' school in the history of the competition to win the All-Ireland Final. The team coach, Fr Sean Little, Dean of the Junior School, was an invaluable ally and source of knowledge throughout the competition, and in this he was aided by Fr Cyril Byrne in the All-Ireland section.

The following year St Mary's captured the Leinster Schools Junior Debating Cup.

The 1973-74 year saw the return of the Leinster Safety First Debating Cup for the second time in three years. That year, the coaches were two of the senior staff, Mr Sean McCarthy and Mr J. Gillespie with Fr Little as researcher. The St Mary's team was Peter Charleton, Alex Schuster and Gerald McDonald. The final was held in CUS and contested by Dominican Girls Convent, Dun Laoghaire. The Leinster Cup was borne back proudly to the college. It was then on to the All-Ireland semi-final where St Mary's met and were defeated by St Ignatius College, Galway, who went on to win the final.



*All Ireland and Leinster Safety First Association of Ireland
National Debate Winners, 1971
David O'Sullivan, Brian FitzGerald and Patrick Power receive
the trophy from Bobby Molloy TD, Minister of Local Government.*



*Michael O'Shea who won
the Feis Maitiú Cup for
Extempore Speaking, 1972.*

The only formal competition entered in 1974-75 was the Public Speaking Competition organised by Trinity College, Dublin. St Mary's were represented by John Keogan and Desmond O'Neill. Desmond delivered a powerful speech which qualified him for the final but, unfortunately, he was unable to participate. The Safety First Association found that they were unable to continue their sponsorship of the All-Ireland Schools Debating Competition, so they presented St Mary's with the Perpetual Trophy which the school had won in 1971 and the previous year, the final year of competition. That trophy sits proudly to this day on the college side-board.

COLLEGES' VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Colleges' Volunteer Corps was founded by Archbishop John Charles McQuaid CSSp in 1961 when the plans were being formed for the celebration of the Patrician Year, the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Patrick. Then known as the Congress Volunteer Corps, it was formed from senior students in boys' secondary schools. Clad in a distinctive uniform of dark grey trousers, white shirt with yellow epaulettes, green tie and yellow beret, they were in attendance as guards of honour to civic and religious dignitaries and as stewards and couriers. At the end of the Patrician Year it was decided that it would be a pity to lose this trained corps of youth who had learned the value of co-ordinated effort, so it was decided to make the Corps permanent and change the name to the Archbishop's Volunteer Corps and later, to its present name. One other change from the original corps is that it now can include past pupils under the age of 21.

The year the corps was established there were three groups in the college, but when it became permanent they amalgamated to form one group. The corps is engaged in social work with the aged, blind, itinerants and youth clubs. Prospective members attend weekly lectures in the Dublin Institute of Adult Education, given by university and institute lecturers as well as lay and religious social workers.

Every year since 1961 Volunteers have accompanied the Dublin Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes to act as brancardiers.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION SOCIETY

In 1973-74 a group of enthusiasts at the instigation of Peter Charleton, an accomplished pianist, decided to form a Musical Appreciation Society with the aim of promoting the understanding and appreciation of good music. They set about this by using the Notice Board for short essays on various aspects of music and by publicising concerts and radio and television broadcasts which would be of interest to the serious listener.

CHESS

The early years of the '70s saw a revival of interest in the ancient game of chess after many years in oblivion. Many boys played during lunch recess and leagues were successfully run. A junior team was entered in the Schools Chess League which performed creditably by winning more games than they lost in the junior section in 1972-73-74. The team was chosen from J. Hamill, R. McDonnell, M. Fitzgerald, D. Larney, S. Burke, B. Quigley, G. Byrne, K. O'Byrne, J. Cunningham and P. Galligan. Trophies were presented in various grades in the school contests. John Hamill was the No. 1 player in 1972-73 and Eamonn Browne in 1973-74. A team was entered for the first time for many years in the senior section of the Inter-Schools League in 1973-74 where they gave quite a good account of themselves. It was led by John Hamill. Teams were entered in both the senior and junior Sections in 1974-75. J. Hamill, S. Burke, D. Larney, J. Burke, E. Browne and J.

Cunningham, were among those to represent the school from time to time in the senior, M. Bermingham, P. Stephenson, P. Black, O. Sullivan, J. Larney in the junior. The shortened lunch-hour made it difficult to run off matches during school hours.

DRAMATICS

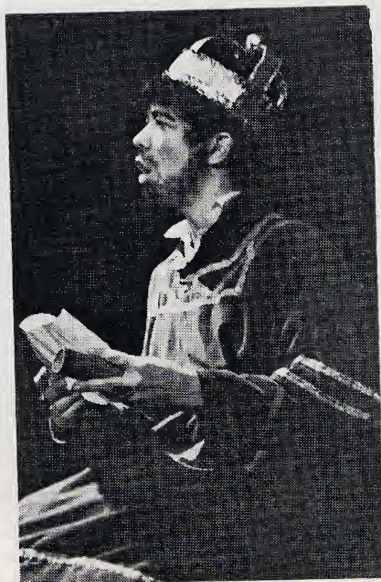
The play chosen for the first production for four years was a modern comedy set in London, *Not in the Book*, by Arthur Watkyn. It had the merit of having a small cast, with which Fr Barry felt he might more readily begin to restore the school's acting tradition after a hiatus of four years. It was a resounding success.

For 1970-71, the 800th anniversary of the death of St Thomas a'Becket, Fr Barry went to the opposite extreme and chose a play with more than three dozen speaking parts, thus stretching the histrionic resources of the school to the limits. '*Becket*' or '*The Honour of God*' was a rather unusual choice of play. Jean Anouilh makes no secret of his anti-clericalism nor of his personal opinion of the relation between the king and the archbishop, but the play did have excellent dramatic qualities, and the large cast had the merit of involving more of the students than is usual with the annual production.

Philip Leahy and Michael O'Shea were on hand again the following year, 1971-72, for the production of *The Happiest Years of Your Life*, a play with plenty of laughs which went down very well. Gerald McDonald as the Games Mistress, Miss Gossage, brought the house down at every performance.

Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, which had been produced with great success in 1954 was the final choice for 1972-73 after much soul-searching. Michael O'Shea was still available and, together with the females, carried the play, which depends so much on clear speaking and decorative presentation. Des O'Neill (Lady Bracknell), Cormac Sharpe (Gwendolen) and Michael Byrne (Cecily), proved better than their counterparts in 1954. As was the case with productions for the next few years, the fashionably long hair affected by the boys at the time created numerous difficulties, and excluded a number from participating as they were unwilling to have it cut.

P. G. Wodehouse's *Oh! Clarence* was the choice for 1973-74. Farce always looks easier than it actually is in practice, especially when done by young people, timing being the most



"Becket"
King Henry II (Joseph Raftery)



"Becket"
Young Queen (Philip Leahy)



"Becket"
Thomas Becket (John Keogh)



Père Barry "conducting" rehearsals of the College Play.



"She Stoops to Conquer"
Mr. Hardcastle (Kevin Farnan)
Miss Kate Hardcastle
(Simon Burke)



"She Stoops to Conquer"
Tony Lumpkin
(Brendan Foley)
Mrs. Hardcastle
(Declan Murray)

difficult part of the comedic art. Michael Byrne (Lady Constance), Kevin Farnan (Beach), Brendan Foley (Freddie), Francis O'Gorman (Clarence), Raymund Bulger (Daphne) and Daniel O'Duffy (Maid), all did well.

The 1974-75 year saw a break with tradition in that the boys of St Mary's were involved in a production in St Louis Convent of *The King and I*. This was a joint venture and the harbinger of things to come, although it was not for almost another decade that St Mary's began the very fruitful co-operation in annual productions with a girls school, and then it was with Notre Dame de Missions school in Churchtown. The production was very successful, but it did adversely affect the college's own production that Christmas, cutting in as it did on the already only too short rehearsal time. Where he could, Fr Barry always chose people who were not too involved in other school activities, particularly rugby, knowing how much of their free time dramatics called for. Having two major productions in the one term was very demanding. The college production that Christmas was Goldsmith's *She Stoops To Conquer*, with a Prologue specially written by Fr Murray, as this was the playwright's bi-centenary. The Prologue was well done by Desmond O'Neill, who won The Actor of the Festival award at the EEC Schools Drama Festival in Brussels, at which the Irish entry of *The Importance of Being Earnest* won 3rd place. The son of a St Mary's past pupil, Aidan Grennell, was also in the group, which was under the direction of Nora Lever.

For the Prize-giving Concerts at the end of the school year, the junior school celebrated the Four Green Fields of Ireland in song and verse, Miss Cranny in charge of the elocution and Mrs Spinks of the singing. The senior school included an extract from *Murder in the Cathedral* and an extract from *The Dream of Gerontius* in their verse-speaking as well as songs from Schubert and Handel. Miss Cranny once more looked after the verse-speaking, while Fr Maiben was in charge of the choirs. Fr Sean Corcoran was the accompanist.

In the Summer Concert, Miss Cranny and Mrs Spinks took The Monuments of Dublin in Song and Story as the theme for the junior school, while Miss Cranny and Fr Maiben went further afield in their verse and song for the senior school concert, mixing the classical with the traditional in a satisfying blend.

The Prize-giving Concerts in May 1973, with Miss Cranny and Miss Cassidy in charge of the elocution, Miss Valentine the singing and Mr Bolton the dancing, followed the customary format. Irish Dancing was introduced for the first time in the Junior School

Concert and proved very popular. Miss Cranny and Fr Maiben once more presented an evening of choral verse-speaking and singing which featured Yeats and Benet, Handel, Brahms and Schubert. Mrs Dorothy Malone was accompanist.

The Junior School concert in May 1974 had the usual fine mixture of verse and song mixed with dance, under the competent direction of Misses Cranny and Valentine and Mr Bolton. Fr Maiben and Miss Cranny looked after the choral singing and verse-speaking at the Senior School concert with Peter Charleton of 6th Year as accompanist.

At the Prize-giving concert in the summer of 1975 Fr Maiben and Miss Cranny combined once more to provide a feast of choral song and verse.

Following on auditions conducted by Fr Barry, Brian Sullivan was chosen by the BBC to appear in a filmed version of Walter Macken's story *The Island of the Great Yellow Ox* which was filmed in Dowth, county Louth, and Roundstone, county Galway.

Connell Mulvihill was a prize-winner in the Dunlop National Story competition, while Ultan Stephenson and David Teevan were prize-winners in the Feis Maitiú.

RUGBY

St Mary's entered the '70s with a decade of success in schools football behind them, in which they had reached the final of the Leinster Schools Senior Cup on four occasions, winning three times, in 1961, 1966 and 1969. Only a very talented Blackrock foiled them in 1967. The new decade began well in that four of the senior backline, Paul Andreucetti who captained Leinster, Gerry Aylward, Liam Grissing and Eddie Wigglesworth gained Interprovincial caps, but lack of power up front meant they were starved of possession, particularly in the opening cup match when Blackrock won a monopoly of the ball.

The first half of the decade was notable for the emergence of a number of players who were to become household names everywhere rugby is played round the world. In chronological order these were: Tony Ward, Rodney O'Donnell, Terry Kennedy, Declan Fanning and Paul Dean, all of whom wore the Irish jersey with distinction, with Declan Fanning having the added distinction of captaining Ireland "B" on a number of occasions. To these must be added the name of Philip McDonnell, an outstanding schools international schoolboy scrumhalf, while Derek Bennett won an U-16 International Cap. The names of others who went on to play at interprovincial senior and junior level can be found in Appendix IV. Many others went on to give sterling service to the St Mary's Club when they left school.

Tony Ward got his first drop-goal in competitive football in a JCT semi-final against Clongowes in 1970, a feat he was to repeat many times for Munster, Ireland and the Lions. Tony played on the SCT for three years and as captain in his final year 1972-73 when they went down by 8-9 to the eventual cup-winners High School. He was selected as substitute outhalf on the Leinster team.

Rodney O'Donnell captained the U-13s in 1969-70 while playing regularly on the JCT. From the day he entered the junior school and was chosen for the U-9s, Rodney was a tower of strength to every team that represented the school. Big for his age during his schooldays, he gained Interprovincial caps as a schoolboy, and after he left school as junior and as a senior. He gained International caps at U-20 and senior level and toured with the British and Irish Lions in South Africa where he received the injury which nearly ended his life and certainly ended his career. He captained the U-13s that won the Provincial's Cup for the first time in six years. He was on the JCT team that won the Leinster Junior Cup for the fourth time in 1970-71 and captained the team for two years. In his first year on the SCT, 1972-73, he gained his Interpro cap and the following year he was vice-captain to Declan Fanning when St Mary's contested the final with Blackrock only to lose out 6-8.

Declan Fanning was another who starred in every team from U-9 upwards and ended



*LEINSTER SCHOOLS INTERPROVINCIALS
1970: E. Wigglesworth, P. Andreucetti, L. Grissing,
G. Aylward.*



1971: Kevin Deering



*1975:
Stephen Mulvey*

as captain of the SCT in 1973-74 when St Mary's nearly brought off the treble of Leinster Senior Cup, Schools Senior Cup and Schools Junior Cup, losing out only in the Schools Senior Cup by two points. In 1970-71 he had been on the Junior Cup-winning team. A strong, mobile No 8, Declan, after leaving school, was a regular on the Leinster Interprovincial team for ten years and crowned his career by captaining the Ireland "B" team for two seasons, 1984-85, 1985-86.

Terry Kennedy was a slow maturer, physically. He almost didn't make the JCT which won the Cup in 1971 because of his size, and throughout his schooldays found his size a handicap. However, after he left school he filled out considerably and gained the first of his eleven caps when Ireland toured New Zealand in 1978.

The first trophy to come to Rathmines in this decade was the Provincial's Cup in 1969-70. Captained by Rodney O'Donnell, the team showed early on that, unusual for a St Mary's team at any level, the strength was up front. Rodney, chosen at No 8 for the maximum use of his ability, scored 203 of the 483 points tallied by the team in 31 matches. In the Cup, a draw with St Michael's and a loss to Willow Park in a mud-bath in Kenilworth seemed to have put paid to the St Mary's hopes. Wins against Templeogue and St Michael's in the second round revived hopes, although another loss to Willow fairly dashed them. It was all down now to a shootout with Willow. This was played in Templeogue and resulted in a draw, 6-6. The replay was a match to remember. Willow scored in the first half but the second half was all St Mary's who scored three tries to bring the cup home for the first time in six years.

Next came the Junior Cup in 1970-71. Captain Henry O'Neill had the support of Rodney O'Donnell and Declan Fanning to give confidence, courage and skill. In the cup they had only two points to spare over Pres Bray at the end, 11-9, and against Newbridge, always a difficult team to beat in the cup, it was only a last minute try by Paul Opperman, converted by Rodney O'Donnell, that saw them through. A semi-final game with Castleknock severely tested the St Mary's defence but it stood fast and, on resuming after halftime, they reverted to the running game that had seen them through



Leinster Schools' Junior Cup Winners, 1971

Standing: P. McGovern, L. O'Toole, C. Callan, E. O'Cofaigh, S. Sheehan, P. Doran, C. Davis, D. Quigley.
Seated: D. Fanning, P. Opperman, R. O'Donnell, H. O'Neill (Capt), L. Healion, T. McDonagh, G. Delany.
Front: V. O'Gorman, D. Howard.

Leinster Schools' Junior Cup Winners, 1974

Back: P. Barnwell, F. McEntee, P. Davitt, T. Kennedy, B. Quigley, M. Fitzgerald, P. Gueret.
Front: D. Cowman, K. Holland, W. Opperman, K. Egan, R. McDonnell, T. Coveney, G. Coman.
Insets: I. Long, M. Feehan.



Leinster Schools' Senior Cup Finalists, 1974

Back: A. Pacitti, P. Opperman, P. Dorgan, D. McDonald, S. Lenehan, D. Muldoon, P. McGovern, R. O'Donnell.
Front: D. Howard, S. Mulvey, G. Conheady, D. Fanning, T. McDonagh, J. Keogh, N. Smith.

the previous round and two tries, by Healion and Opperman, and a penalty by Delaney, were enough to clinch it.

The weather for the final against Terenure at Lansdowne was anything but propitious. A gale blew the length of the pitch. This disconcerted the team which never really got going and was on the defensive even with the wind in the first half. Terenure got a try after only fifteen minutes, but Rodney O'Donnell managed to equalise with a splendid penalty. Conditions were far better for the replay and both sides responded by playing good football. A mammoth kick from Rodney O'Donnell, rather against the run of play, left St Mary's ahead at halftime. Playing with the wind in the second half, St Mary's looked like getting on top when Terenure brought off an intercept giving them a 5-3 lead. It looked all over, and then Rodney had another shot at goal and made no mistake and St Mary's were ahead by a point. The last five minutes of the game were all St Mary's and the cup was once more in St Mary's for another year.

It was left to the U-13s to come up trumps in 1971-72, which they did in style, scoring an all-time record 792 points in 26 matches winning 24 of them. Kevin Egan was captain and Paul Barnwell his vice. In the Provincial's Cup they won all their matches and scored 187 points, conceding only 6, and these were penalties. The St Mary's line was never crossed.

In 1973-74 the JCT looked promising from the start. Kevin Egan, who had captained the U-13s to a Provincial's Cup, was elected captain, ably assisted by Willie Opperman. An early try by Clongowes in the Cup put matters up to St Mary's and captain Kevin Egan led by example when he darted over for a try from a quick heel and this was followed by another quick heel and a speedy transfer across the backline for Long to touch down. St Mary's changed over two points to the good and dominated the second half which yielded good tries by Opperman and a second for Long. CBC Monkstown were the team most feared. On a sodden Stradbroke pitch both sides tried to play open rugby. St Mary's were happy to turnover at halftime with the score 0-0. Shrewd kicking by out-half, MacDonnell, kept St Mary's on the attack and it was he who broke the deadlock by slipping over for a try far out. Then a brilliantly executed intercept by Barnwell led to an 80 yard dash for the clinching score.

The performance against Terenure in Donnybrook was anything but vintage. A penalty early on and a "garryowen" with the wind gave Opperman a try after Quigley nailed the fullback. But a seven point advantage did not seem nearly enough to face the wind and Terenure soon reduced that to one point with two penalties. However, a brilliant cut-through by Barnwell who moved to centre and a quick transfer from Opperman gave Long a good try and St Mary's victory.

The St Mary's forwards hunted together well in the final with Belvedere and won much good possession from ruck and maul as well as strikes against the head. The backs did not waste it. McDonnell cut through, and though his pass went to ground, Long had the presence of mind to dribble across the line. Then Holland came through the lineout on one of his unstoppable breaks and Cowman converted to give a 10 pt lead. Later, Derek Cowman hit the upright with a penalty and Belvedere scored a try, but the issue never looked in doubt and the cup was borne to Rathmines in great glee. Over the season the squad registered 23 wins and two losses, with 502 pts scored and only 90 against.

CRICKET

For two years St Mary's had been unable to field a senior school team, but in 1969-70 a JCT appeared which seemed to promise an end to the lean years. There were only about twelve players available for the team, but they made up in team-spirit and enthusiasm, and no little skill, for any deficiencies. As mentioned in the previous chapter on cricket, a number



*Neil Smith Irish Schools'
Cricket International.*



*Dermot McCarthy, Leinster
Schools' Cricket Interprovincial.*

of enthusiastic cricketers from the school joined the under-age ranks of the Leinster C.C., with the encouragement of Fr Frank Barry, and these, who included Rory O'Connor, Derek Bennett, John Quinlan, Gerry Delaney, Frank O'Donnell and Terry Kennedy, formed a core round which a team could be built even in the short season available for cricket. St Paul's and Sandford Park were accounted for in the Cup before Belvedere capitalised on a number of St Mary's 'mistakes' to come out on top. Gerry Delaney had figures of 6 for 24 and John Quinlan 3 for 14, which would have accounted for most teams, but the batting let St Mary's down.

In 1970-71, played 11 lost 5 drew 6 does not sound like a very fruitful season and yet it was considered as both successful and enjoyable by those who took part in it. Over 100 runs were scored in almost every match. Gerry Delaney and Derek Bennett were chosen for the Leinster Schools against the Leprechauns, while Derek was also chosen for the Interpro against Ulster.

This year the Leinster Branch introduced a Schools League at junior level to supplant the cup competition and sustain interest in cricket over a longer period. For most schools the cricket season, wedged in as it is between the rugby season and public exams, is short enough, but at least a league had the merit of keeping a team in the hunt right up to the end. Also, the matches lasted just one afternoon and did not drag on like knock-out cup matches which could go on for days depending on the vagaries of the weather. Gerry Delaney was the captain of the JCT while at the same time one of the mainstays of the SCT. Another Leinster C.C. stalwart, Ciaran Callan, was the vice-captain.

1971-72 was the most satisfactory cricketing season for many years. Early games with Surgeons, West Indians and Leinster put the team under Rory O'Connor in the proper frame of mind, with the result that St Paul's (9 wickets) and Masonic (7 wickets) and Sandford Park (5 wickets) fell victims to the bowling of Rory O'Connor and Gerry Delaney. However, a strong St Columba's side put an end to the St Mary's hopes. Gerry Delaney and Derek Bennett were both chosen to play for Leinster against Ulster (a game cancelled because of the bad weather). They were also picked for Leinster Schools against the Leprechauns.

In 1971-72 the JCT, under the captaincy of Neil Smith assisted by Dermot McCarthy, went one better than the previous year when as U-14s they had lost the cup to St Columba's by just one run. In the Cup, a 20 run victory over Sandford Pk was followed by a surprisingly easy 7 wicket win over Belvedere, for whom nothing went right for a change and nothing wrong for St Mary's. However, in the very next match, against Gonzaga, nothing went right and St Mary's lost by 7 wickets. This meant a play-off against Sandford who had an equal number of points. This was the best match of the season, which St Mary's won by 6 runs, 88-82. Neil Smith was the man-of-the-match with top score of 27 and bowling figures of 6 for 23. All was in readiness for the final against St Columba's, who were the kingpins of cricket in those years. St Columba's won the toss and elected to bat on a perfect Sandford Park wicket, but tragedy struck for them when Neil Smith got their opening bat with his third ball. From that on it was disaster all the way for them and they could only scrape together 36. Smith took 7 for 16. But even 36 runs can be difficult to come by in schools cricket. Derry McCarthy took the brunt of the attack, making an invaluable 17 n.o. to take the St Mary's score past their rival's, and the cup was back in Rathmines after an absence of 25 years. Ciaran Cantwell, thus emulated the feat of his father, Sean, who was on the 1948 cup-winning side.

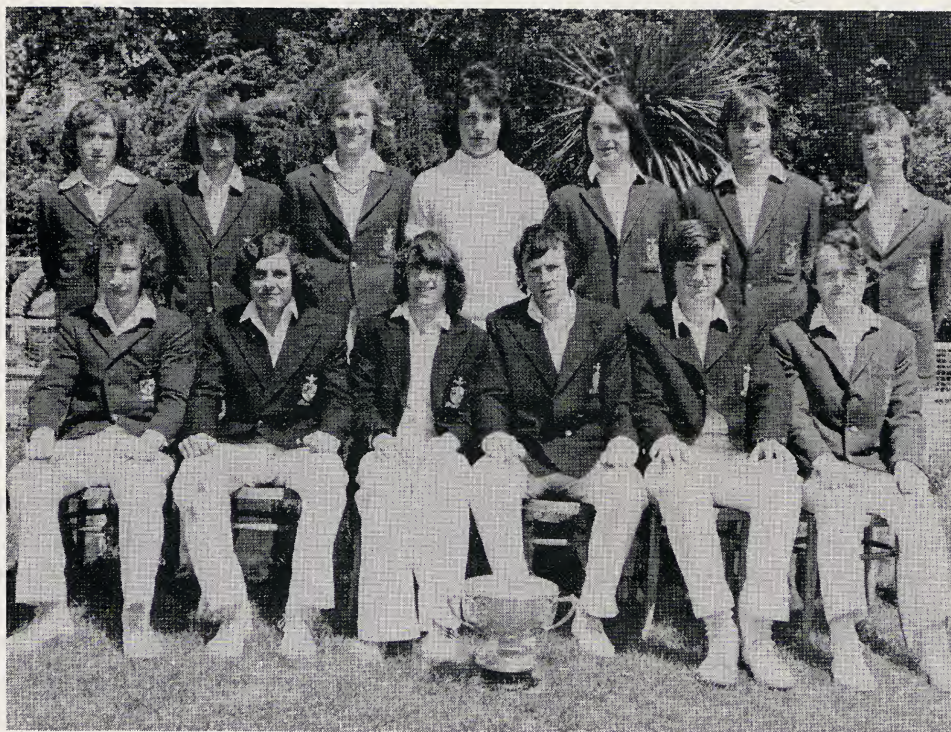
The U-14 team did not win the cup but had a record to be proud of, 8 wins out of 11 played, 2 drawn and only one lost. Three players from the previous year were again eligible. They had played on the victorious U-16 Leinster C.C. team. They were: Kevin Egan, Robert McDonnell and Brendan Foley.

1973-74 saw the culmination of all the efforts put into cricket in St Mary's by Fr Barry and Fr Moloney over the previous five years, during which the school had gone from being unable to field a senior team to winning the Leinster Schools Cup for the first time in 26 years. The team was led by Neil Smith who had captained the JCT two years previously when they had won the Junior Cup. He was assisted by Derry McCarthy once more. In the League Masonic were beaten by 16 runs, King's Hospital by 5 wickets. The High School left St Mary's only 90 mins in which to score 118, so they had to settle for a

*Leinster Schools'
Junior Cricket Cup
Winners, 1972*

Standing: I. Conlon,
J. Treanor, K. Cantwell,
B. Sheehy, D. Rafter,
P. Healy.
Seated: P. Walsh,
R. Sloan,
N. Smith (Capt),
D. McCarthy,
R. McDonnell.
Front: K. Egan,
C. O'Neill.





*Leinster Schools'
Senior Cricket Cup
Winners, 1974*

*Back: C. O'Neill,
D. Longeran, B. Foley,
P. Healy, R. McDonnell,
B. Quigley, P. Walsh.
Front: K. Egan,
R. Sloan, D. McCarthy,
N. Smith, G. McDonald,
D. Quigley.*

draw. The replay was the best match in the series. High School had the two best bowlers in Leinster, Alan Forde and Ian Burns who later went on to be capped for Ireland at both cricket and rugby. Nevertheless, St Mary's made a tidy total of 124. Then excellent bowling by Paul Walsh who finished with figures of 5 for 30, and Neil Smith who took important wickets at crucial junctures, saw St Mary's through. The final was against Wesley and was played in excellent conditions in Masonic's grounds. In spite of two run-outs (always a self-inflicted wound in cricket) St Mary's ran up the respectable score of 90, of which Paul Walsh contributed 54. Neil Smith was again in top form with the ball and took 5 for 18, Paul taking 3 for 27. With a lead of 34 going in to the second innings, St Mary's batted more confidently to reach 109. Wesley batted without conviction and Paul Healy shared the wickets equally with Neil Smith, both taking 5 for 30. The Leinster Schools Senior Cup returned once more to St Mary's. Neil Smith was capped for Leinster and Ireland Schools while Derry McCarthy was picked for the Leinster Schools.

1974-75 brought no cricket trophies to Rathmines. The outstanding player on the team, and indeed, in Leinster, was the captain for the second time, Neil Smith, who crowned his year by captaining the Leinster Schools against Ulster and the Leprechauns, by being one of the four Leinster players chosen to tour Holland with an Irish U-19 team (which was captained by ex-St Mary's Gerry Delaney), and by being chosen on the Irish Schools team to play Wales.

Jonathan Bennett took the U-13 Single Wicket title against all comers.

ATHLETICS

The first half of the decade showed a continued interest in athletics, although both cricket and basketball continued to make inroads on both the talent and time available. In 1969-70 there were successes at all levels of competition from Dublin Regional to All-Ireland. Cathal Sweeney was the outstanding individual, equalling the High Jump record in the South Dublin Zone with 1.70m, winning the Leinster championship and going on to take the All-Ireland for the second year in succession. He was 1st in the Triple Jump in the Zone

with a record 11.48 jump. Philip Opperman broke or equalled the record in the 100 and 200 Junior in the Zone, winning the 100 and getting 3rd in the 200 in Leinster. Gerry Aylward won the Zone Long Jump with a record leap (5.6m), having got 3rd in the Senior 200 and 400. In the Leinster he was 3rd in the Senior 200. Medals were also won by Rodney O'Donnell (3rd) in the 800m Junior, H.O'Neill (3rd Junior Long Jump), Junior Relay, Kevin Deering (3rd 800m Intermediate), Relay (Interm.), P. Walker (3rd Shot Intermediate), and G. Saab (1st Senior Shot, Zone record, 12.07m). In the Annual Schools Sports, Gerry Aylward was the Victor Ludorum.

In 1970-71 Philip Opperman was 2nd in the Leinster 100 and 200, Intermediate, but went one better in the All-Ireland by winning the 200. Henry O'Neill was 3rd in the Leinster 400, while the school Intermediate relay squad (Opperman, Howard, Keane, O'Neill) were 2nd.

1971-72 successes in the Zone Championships were J. McManus 100m (2nd) and P. O'Byrne, Shot (1st) in the Junior; Opperman, 100m (1st), 200 (1st), C. Davis, Shot (2nd), Relay (Opperman, Howard, O'Neill, O'Donnell) 1st, Intermediate; E. Keane, 400m (2nd) Senior. In the Leinster Championships Opperman was first in the 100 and 2nd in the 200 while the Relay team (Opperman, Howard, O'Neill, Healion) was 1st. In the All-Ireland, Opperman was 2nd in the 200, 3rd in the 100.

1972-73 saw Declan Fanning take the Leinster High Jump title for the first time, thus emulating his elder brother Jim. Paul Opperman continued his sprinting successes with wins in the Leinster 100 and 200, and 2nds in the All-Ireland.

In 1973-74 Declan Fanning won the Leinster High Jump and took 3rd place in the All-Ireland with a school record of 5'11½. Paul Opperman was injured during the year and could not reproduce his best form. Still, he was able to collect two 2nds in the Leinster Championships and two creditable 4ths in the All-Ireland. In the school sports he was Victor Ludorum for the third year and broke the school long jump record (21'1").

Michael Feehan was the only success in the Leinster Sports with a very close 2nd in the 400 Intermediate which showed that he could well shine in a year's time when he would be still eligible for the same grade. He won the 100, 200, 400 and High Jump in facile form in the school sports.

BASKETBALL

Basketball was played throughout the year by those who had no active interest in rugby or soccer but it was only during the slack period for these sports that basketball could be held. The Senior Basketball League continued to flourish and generate enthusiasm and rivalry. During the season a Blitz Tournament involving teams from the past as well the present proved very popular. Fr Cyril Byrne continued to be the mainstay and support for the game at this period. The game was not confined to the seniors. 3rd and 4th years held class competitions. All the Intermediate games were refereed by 5th and 6th year students.

After a lapse of eight years it was decided, in view of the level of interest in the game throughout the senior school, to revive participation in inter-school competition. In the Leinster Senior Schools Basketball League, St Mary's lost to Ringsend but beat St David's and Terenure, qualifying for Group B. Here they were faced by St Kieran's, Kilkenny, and had a convincing 50-40 win. It was then on to a meeting with St Michael's, Omeath, who had an overwhelming victory 90-49. Still, it was a brave maiden voyage, reflecting great credit on captain Tom Shanahan and his team: C. McCormack, J. Oliver, P. Rafter, W. Ryan and N. Hendrick.

Basketball continued to be played enthusiastically in 1972-73-74-75 but only as an internal sport. Leagues were played at both the beginning and the end of the 71-72 season, but after that the game was confined to the last term. One innovation that year was the

involvement with one or two of the neighbouring girls' schools with whom matches were arranged.

TENNIS

Nine grass courts in Kenilworth Square were fully occupied every half-day, weather permitting, although it often did not permit in 1969-70. This dependence on fair weather courts did not help in the preparation for inter-school games. At the same time, lack of success in the various competitions cannot be put down solely to lack of hard courts.

1970-71 was the best tennis season for a number of years weatherwise. Interest was high in the school except for 6th Year who were understandably more anxious about the upcoming exams. There was never a vacant court in Kenilworth on a half-day. But still, St Mary's found it difficult to compete with schools who played the game all year round. John Keogh was the school's No 1.

1971-72 saw the introduction of a competition in Leinster for U-13 teams. Every match would consist of 3 doubles games, and no JCT player was eligible. The courts were marked out early that year and practice was soon underway. Unfortunately the weather did not oblige and little tennis was possible for the rest of the term. John Keogh was again School No. 1.

In 1972-73 the weather was kinder and the interest in tennis all the keener for that. Over 180 took part in the school tournaments. The SCT were beaten by Belvedere in the Cup, Conheady and Walsh being the only winners. The JCT had better fortune, beating Gormanston (5-1) and St Michael's (4-2) before going out to the eventual winners, Gonzaga.

In 1973-74 the SCT repeated the performance of the previous year by going out in the first round, this time to Moate (5-0), but they did not go down without a fight, Sloan, Beirne and O'Shea taking their respective opponents to three sets.

1974-75 saw some of the best summer weather for years, with the result that tennis flourished. However it did not come in time for the cup matches which began on May 1 with rain that interrupted play in the first match. It took two days to finish the match. Quite a number of boys were interested enough to join Leinster C.C. during the summer where they had the advantage of coaching and regular hard court practice. Ray Sloan was the College No. 1, but it is interesting to note how the same names crop up whatever the sport. Paul Dean and Philip McDonnell, who were to form a most fruitful partnership in rugby at half-back for school, province and country, were prominent in the Junior Tennis Team also, not to speak of cricket and basketball.

SWIMMING

Swimming continued to interest a sizeable number of boys. Iveagh Baths were no longer available so the Friday sessions were switched to Tara St, where the facilities were poorer and the numbers had to be limited. Nevertheless, over 100 boys benefited, from absolute beginners who had no idea how to swim to the more proficient who availed of the coaching of Mr Ince to perfect their technique. Such was the interest that it was decided to hold a Swimming Gala in March for which there were over 60 entries and 50 prizes. So successful was the Gala that it was hoped it would become a regular feature in the college programme of events. The outstanding swimmer in the school at this time was undoubtedly John Mulvey, who won the Liffey Swim in 1969. John represented St Mary's in the Leinster and Irish Schools Championships on numerous occasions and was in the Interpro team which met Ulster in 1969 and again in 1970. He was a medallist in the 100m and 220m Freestyle in the Irish Championships 1970. In 1970 he won the Kilmartin Cup in an open-sea race

*John Mulvey with some
of his swimming trophies
for 1969 and 1970.*



in Bray. Two other open-sea swimmers were the Davis brothers, Donal and Con, who came in first and second in the Clontarf Open-sea Swim in 1970.

Winter and spring training continued in Tara St Baths where the school were given the use of the second pool after Easter. This meant that the more advanced students had more space and time in which to practise seriously without curtailing the fun of the beginners. The Gala was held in Iveagh Baths in April with an increased entry which showed a big improvement on the previous year. John Mulvey, still eligible for the U-16 group, remained the outstanding swimmer, clocking 61.6 for 100m freestyle and winning both butterfly and medley, while the Davis brothers took the breaststroke and backstroke. St Mary's took a water-polo team to Belfast for the Irish Championships for the first time. They did not win either of their matches, against Gormanston and St Malachy's, but John Mulvey and Con Davis were chosen for Leinster. In the match against Ulster, which Leinster won, Con Davis scored the first goal. In the Leinster Championships, John Mulvey was second in the Intermediate Freestyle and Backstroke. St Mary's were 3rd in the Freestyle Relay. In the Irish Schools Championships the St Mary's squad were 4th in the Intermediate Freestyle and Medley. To crown the swimming achievements that year, the College Scout Unit won the CBSI Shield and Cup for the first time, with the help of Con and Donal Davis, Declan McDonald and Dermot Rafter.

In 1971-72 the writing appeared to be on the wall for the Tara St Corporation swimming facilities and St Mary's began to consider the advisability of providing their own. The question of space could be answered in Kenilworth but the question of cost could not so easily be answered. Meanwhile, Tara St continued to be used to good effect as the standards at the Annual Gala in Iveagh Baths in April showed. For the first time a senior section was included, mainly due to students like John Mulvey and the Davis brothers continuing to maintain interest. John took the freestyle and butterfly, Donal the backstroke and Con the breaststroke. John's younger brother, Shane was the leading U-15 swimmer. Two records were broken in the U-14s, by Philip Shortall and Gerard Hickey in the butterfly and breaststroke, while Ronan Murray won the freestyle, backstroke and medley. The largest entry came in the U-13s where Colm Largey had a time of 31s in the freestyle and

then broke his own record in the butterfly. Barra O'Kane won the U-13 backstroke as well as the only two U-12 events. After the Gala the IASA Proficiency Tests were held with satisfying results. 23 boys received the Gold Award, 20 the Silver and 32 the Bronze. Apart from Mr Ince the Instructor, a debt was owed to some of the parents including Mrs Davis and Mrs Mulvey, and to past students Tommy Dorgan, John Pettit and Kieran Cowman for their help with the Gala and the Tests.

In the Leinster Schools Con Davis won the silver medal in the Intermediate Freestyle and was 4th in the butterfly. John Mulvey was 3rd in the Senior Freestyle and 4th in the butterfly. In the Irish Championships in Tuam, Con Davis was again 2nd in the Intermediate Freestyle with a time of 63.1s, but John Mulvey won Gold in the Senior Butterfly with a time of 69.9s, while Donal Davis came 4th in the Senior Backstroke. As a final round-up of the season, St Mary's sent a team to Castleknock where they had a comfortable win in the senior and U-15 events but were beaten in the U-13s.

Tara St Baths survived for another year and St Mary's had the use of the two pools until the end of January. Many of the boys took their proficiency a step further. Con Davis took two bronze medals in the Leinster Championships in spite of injury. Teams were entered for the Schools Life-saving competition and for both Senior and Junior Water Polo Championships. A successful Annual Gala rounded off the season.

In 1974 Mr Ince, the popular and helpful swimming instructor for many years, died. Hundreds of boys owed their introduction to the joys of swimming to him. Mrs McGoldrick took over where he left off and proved herself an able replacement. With the passing out of such swimming stalwarts as John Mulvey and the Davis brothers, there were insufficient seniors interested to warrant the holding of a senior section in the Gala, but the enthusiasm in the other grades more than made up for this.

In 1974-75 a transfer was made from Tara St Baths to the Eurosport Centre in Grafton St where many boys learned to swim under the guidance of the coaches provided by the Centre. A few boys entered the Leinster Championships but with no notable success. Con Davis was chosen for the Leinster U-19 Water-polo team. The Annual Gala took place as usual in Iveagh Baths in April and about 70 boys participated with evident enjoyment. But the most pleasant event of the year as far as swimmers were concerned was the sight of the workmen beginning to build the new Corporation Baths in Williams Park not 200m from the college.

SOCCKER

1968-69 saw St Mary's embark on their maiden voyage on the uncharted seas of Inter-school Association Football. Soccer had been played unofficially almost from the very first days of the school after the re-opening in 1926 and quite a number of boys from the school made names for themselves as soccer players outside the school, including Ivor and Barry Hooper in UCD, and Seamus Mulvey who was a schoolboy International in the '30s, and Fionan Fagan in the '40s, who went on to gain full International caps when playing First Division football for Derby County. But although games were played after school by pick-up teams, it was never included in the official list of organised school games until now. A very successful Soccer League was played in 1968-69 in the back field with four games every Tuesday. Tony Ward (who went on to play for Shamrock Rovers and Ireland) and David Hooper (keeping up the family soccer tradition) were very prominent exponents.

Raymond Geraghty was elected captain of the SCT for the initial foray into the Leinster Colleges Soccer Cup in which they were grouped with Terenure and CUS. They won comfortably against CUS in Belfield but lost by the only goal in the game with Terenure. However, this qualified them for the next section where they met St Paul's who won by the odd goal in five. It was a brave effort and all credit to the team and their manager, Sean

McCarthy, without whose help and encouragement the enterprise would not have got off the ground.

1970-71 started well. Tim O'Flaherty was elected captain and he had four others of the previous year's team on which to build. The first cup match signalled the entry of Tony Ward on to the soccer scene in earnest. Before this he had appeared only in the house games where he had revealed his potential. On a soggy pitch in Clongowes, the lighter and more skilful St Mary's side found the going difficult and only the stout defence of the Hooper brothers, David and Kevin, kept the score-sheet blank. Two goals from Ward saw them through. The next match was the quarter-final and was against the cup favourites, O'Connell Schools, who ran out easy winners although St Mary's kept them on the rack for long stretches.

In 1971-72 Tommy McGovern, who, like the Hoopers, was in his third year on the SCT, was elected captain, Tony Ward was vice-captain. In the opening cup game, with St Andrew's, the forwards showed their ability by scoring 5 goals, but the defence showed its vulnerability by letting in 4. The next match, against the unknown quantity of Mt St Fergus Academy was a bit of a shambles with bookings, sendings-off and a plethora of goals which saw St Mary's lose after extra time by 6-8.

In 1972-73 Tony Ward, who had already gained his Schools International cap, was now playing for Shamrock Rovers and led the team into the Leinster Schools Cup, where they were unfortunate enough to be pitted against the favourites, Beneavin, who won 2-0 in the very first round.

In 1973-74 some of the interest and enthusiasm for soccer seemed to go with the passing out of such stalwarts as Ward, the Hoopers and McGovern. The SCT, skippered by B. O'Connor, won their opening cup game, against St John's, Ballyfermot, 5-4, a game that had no little skill as well as thrills, as the result indicates. The next was against a very fine St Laurence's team and St Mary's were well and truly beaten.

SCOUTING

Many changes took place in scouting in the college in 1968. So great was the demand for admission that it was decided to start a second troop to cater for the numbers. It was named the 8th Dublin Troop. This meant an extra call for suitable officers, but the Unit was fortunate in having both the number and calibre needed. Louis McMullen retired from active duty following his marriage but he continued to be on hand when his services were required. His place as Unit Leader was taken by Peter Best. The ensuing vacancy as Cub Leader was filled by Gerry Costello and Jim Kelly, assisted by D. McSorley and M. McLaughlin. Conor Hooper also resigned after long service and his post as Senior Scout Master was taken by Brian O'Kelly. Jerry Kelly became the first Scout Master of the new 8th Dublin, but unfortunately found he was unable to continue and Peter Costello took over. Denis Kirby was Scout Master of the 7th for a number of years, but he was made a Commissioner and Gerry Sharvin took his place. He in turn was replaced by D. Hogan. Throughout all these changes Fr David Darcy remained chaplain, a rock of stability amid the changing seas.

When the troop first split there were four patrols in each. Two more patrols were added in 1970 giving 5 patrols in each troop. The Troops were separate for most activities but they combined for the Diocesan Soccer to reach the final and came third in the Swimming Gala. Pat Shaffrey and Tom Shanahan became the first Star Scouts of the new 8th.

The total strength of the Unit in 1970-71 was 130, from cubs numbering 40 to senior scouts who provided support for all the scouting activities. The Dublin Swimming Gala was won by the 8th, mainly thanks to the Davis brothers. But it was the prospect of having their very own purpose-built Den that spurred the enthusiasm of all during that

year from the moment the planning permission came through. As stated earlier in the chapter on development, the senior troop played a big part in the initial site-clearing, helped by scouters, scouts, cubs and anyone else who happened to be standing round or even passing by Kenilworth Square at the time.

1971-72 was notable, first for the completion and Blessing of the new Den, and second, for the initial camp in Europe. Derek Jennings retired as Scout Master and Arthur McMullan and Paul Sullivan took over in the 7th. The 8th lost Peter Costello who was replaced by Louis McMullan and John Shanahan.

A number of changes in the leadership over the previous two years saw the retirement of Peter Best as Unit Leader, Arthur McMullan, Brian O'Kelly, John Shanahan, Martin McLaughlin, Tom Lynch and Paul Rafter, to all of whom the unit owed an immense debt of gratitude for years of selfless dedication to the cause of scouting in general and the St Mary's College Unit in particular. On the national level Jerry Kelly (National Executive Board and International Commissioner), Denis Kirby (Chairman, Dublin Diocesan Council, and Training Team member) were worthy representatives of the College Unit. An Annual Cheese and Wine Party which was started in 1973 to clear the remaining debt on the new den proved a continuing financial and social success.

The only change in the leadership in 1974-75 was in the cubs where Pat Shaffrey took over from P. J. Farrell. The numbers in the unit continued to grow. Camping activity also grew and much use was made of the National Camp at Larch Hill. Two PLs were sent on a training course to Kunderstag in Switzerland and four more on a similar course at Larch Hill. Two representatives were sent to the International Jamboree in Norway.

SUMMER CAMPS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1970	Guernsey, C.I. (7th)	Fr Darcy	Derek Jennings
	(8th)		Peter Costello
1971	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr Darcy	Jim Kelly
	Kingsdown, Kent (7th)		Derek Jennings
	(8th)		Peter Costello
1972	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr Darcy	Jim Kelly
	Kanderstag, Switzerland (7th)		Paul Sullivan
	(8th)		Louis McMullen
1973	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr Darcy	Jim Kelly
	Aberdeen (7th)		Arthur McMullen
	Youlbury (8th)		Jim Kelly
1974	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr T. Maguire	Aidan Delaney
	Tawd Vale, Lans. (7th)		Aidan Delaney
	Sheffield (8th)		Tony Dalton
1975	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr Darcy	P. J. Farrell
	Isle of Wight (7th)		Aidan Delaney
	Downe, Kent (8th)		Tony Dalton
	Courtown (Cubs)	Fr darcy	Pat Shaffrey

PHILATELY

The Society which came into being in 1967-68 continued to flourish in 1969-70. The waning of interest in a small number left a core of dedicated philatelists, whose appetite for the hobby was sharpened during the year by a series of competitions for prizes donated by the Society. Chief among these is the Perpetual Trophy which that year was won by Peter Norton with a fine essay on Europa.

The Society lapsed for the year 1970-71 but was revived in 1971-72. In a way, the lapse was fortunate, because the revived society found that it did not need the wet-nursing of one of the staff to survive. Philip Leahy, the inaugural winner of the perpetual trophy, was elected president, Rory O'Connor hon. sec. and Eoin O'Cofaigh as hon. treasurer. The society met every week in the college art room where the members took it in turns to put on displays of their collections. Dermot McCarthy won the perpetual trophy with a display of Australian Christmas stamps. An innovation was the publications of a fortnightly newsletter compiled by Eoin O'Cofaigh.

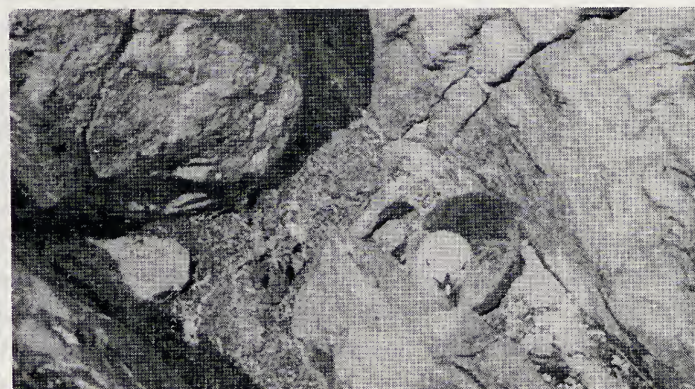
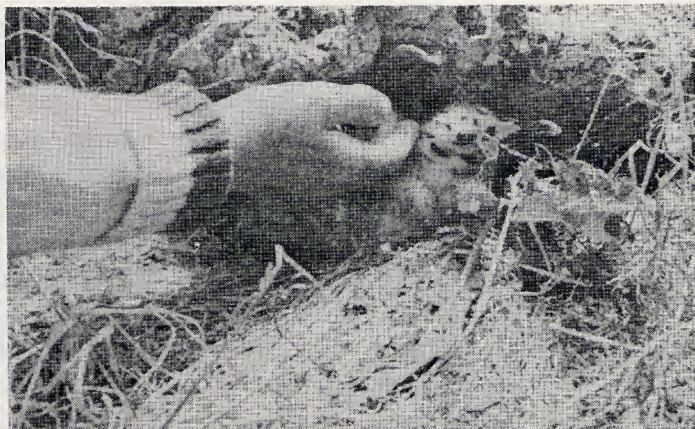
ORNITHOLOGY

Towards the end of the first term in 1969-70, a group of boys interested in ornithology formed a club. Some had already made bird-watching their hobby, so they were not inexperienced. Awareness of the environment and of the need to protect it was increasing among people of all ages, and the club, under the guidance of Fr Henry Moloney, set out to observe and study birds in their natural habitat, with a view to increasing this awareness. In Ireland there is an ideal opportunity to study not only the birds native to this country but the myriads of birds that come here every year to escape the rigours of the more northerly climes. Field trips to the nearby Grand Canal and St Stephen's Green, Phoenix Park, Ringsend and Booterstown Wildlife Reserve were followed by a trip to the Natural Museum, but the event of the year was the trip to the Saltees off the Wexford coast. This is one of the great bird sanctuaries of the world with unequalled flocks of kittiwakes, fulmar, puffin, razorbill, guillemots, shags and gannets. A founder-member of the club, Fergus Sweeney, was chosen to represent the school on a wildlife Television programme.

1971-72 saw an increase in membership in the club. Most of the activity in the club took place in the first term, with meetings on most Saturdays after school when slide shows and talks were given to prepare for the field trips on the week-end to the Bull Island, Booterstown, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland's Eye and the Zoo. The term ended with a trip to the Wexford Sloblands. In the third term there were trips to Howth and Ireland's Eye to observe the birds of the rocky coast. Finally there was another visit to the Saltees with Mr J. Devereux of Kilmore Quay and Mr J. Sutton early in the summer holidays. From the

*Ornithology Club, 1970
Members of the
Ornithology Club
relaxing after a successful
survey of the birds on
Ireland's Eye.*





Ornithology Field Trip, 1971

beginning, photography was a hobby very closely linked with bird watching and every year saw an addition to the club's collection of photos. To this was added in 1971-72 a collection of records of birdsong to familiarise the members with the different birdcalls.

In 1973-74 efforts were made to give the members a more scientific approach to their hobby. Sketching and photographic competitions were held which showed a very high degree of competence. During the year Niall O'Cofaigh brought out a quarterly magazine to which the members contributed articles.

In 1974-75 there was a departure from the norm when a group stayed overnight camping in a reserve in October. The Wexford Sloblands were again one of the most interesting trips, due in no small measure to the kindness and interest of Mr Oscar Merne, in charge of the reserve.

PAST PUPILS' UNION

The President of the Past Pupils' Union for 1969-70 was Paddy Condon, who was followed in turn by Sean O'Byrne, John Fanagan, Conor McCarthy, Tim Brooder and Reggie Redmond. In chronological order, the principal events on the union calendar continued to be the Annual Dance, co-sponsored by the union and rugby club, the Annual Mass for the deceased past students and staff in November, the Annual Dinner in December, the Annual Retreat on Good Friday. In 1969-70 an At Home was held in the college for the first time and 81 people had a very enjoyable evening. A Social Evening was held in the rugby club the following month but was poorly attended despite the efforts of Derry Smyth and the excellent catering by Mrs Coveney and Mrs Kearns. In conjunction with the Blackrock and Rockwell Unions, an appeal was made to the past students to raise funds for Bishop Whelan and Biafra, which realised £1,400. But in general there was a feeling in the union that affairs could be better organised, that much more could be made of the

potential membership among the hundreds of past students who were largely untouched. With this in view it was decided to form three committees, each with a separate area of responsibility: Membership (chaired by Sean O'Byrne); Objectives (Conor McCarthy); Functions (John Fanagan). The membership committee set about compiling a list of past students with their last known addresses with a view to contacting them and inviting them to participate in one way or another in the union's activities, even if only by joining the union and paying a subscription, without any commitment either to take an active part or even attend functions. The Objectives Committee set about identifying possible objectives the union might take on board either in regard to the School itself or society at large. It was suggested, for instance, that the union might involve itself in raising funds to provide the school with a swimming-pool, a project that would call for a sum in excess of £75,000. The Functions Committee addressed the matter of the usefulness or otherwise of the functions that the union promoted annually, such as the Dinner etc. In this regard it was decided to drop the Dress Dance and substitute an Informal Dance; to drop the At Home and substitute a week-end in the Talbot Hotel in Wexford in May/June.

Annual Mass

All the usual annual union events were successfully held in this period of 1969-75. The Annual Mass for deceased past students and staff attracted a mere 30 or 40 every year, but in 1973-74 it was decided to invite whole families to attend and the numbers increased dramatically, while the tea and biscuits in the College afterwards helped to make an occasion of it and a real union event.

Annual Retreat

By the end of the '60s the idea of an enclosed week-end Retreat was no longer an attractive proposition, so it was decided to substitute a one-day Retreat and it was thought that Holy Week would be the best time for it. In 1970-71 a two-day Retreat was given in the college by Dr Michael O'Carroll, CSSp (former prefect) in conjunction with the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgical services, but in the following year it was a one-day affair again on Good Friday, as it has remained to this day.

Annual Dinner

Throughout the entire 1969-75 period the Clarence Hotel was the venue for the Annual Dinner and the numbers fluctuated between a low of 88 to a high of 134. In 1970-71 it was decided that with all the amateur talent available among the members there was no point in wasting money on professional entertainers, so, from then on the members entertained themselves at these dinners. In 1974-75 tombola was introduced by Reggie Redmond in order to raise funds for the union and for the Marian Boys Club.

Annual Dance

The Shelbourne, Gresham, Killiney Castle and the Clarence were among the venues for the Annual Dance, at which attendances varied from 150 to 275. The occasion in the 1973-74 year was notable in that it marked the retirement of Mr Philip McCabe, the respected teacher who had been on the staff from 1939, initially as a Higher Diploma candidate, and then, from 1942, full-time. A presentation was made to him by the union in recognition of what the college and student body owed to his selfless dedication to their welfare over the preceding thirty years.

Union Day

1970 saw the inauguration of a Union Sports Day which was held in August. A cricket match between the President's (S.O'Byrne) XI and The Rest was the highlight and this was followed by a soccer tournament with 4 teams. Johnny Bowden provided all with tea. This was a formula which was followed with success for the next few years with the numbers attending rising to 150. In 1974 the date was brought forward to May as a more suitable date before families scattered for the holidays. That year too, the links with the Tennis Club were strengthened by a tennis fixture between the club and members of the union. The 1974-75 Union Day was washed by the rain and soccer was the only game that could be played. Johnny Bowden and his tea-maids were the sure winners that day!

Marian Boys Club

If not exactly flourishing financially, the Marian Boys Club continued to function, catering for about 40 boys. About 12 Union members were engaged in the work but many more helpers were needed. A Fashion Show to raise funds was not too successful but the £200 from the Golden Guinea Club was very welcome. In 1971-72 the 5th and 6th year students spent part of their summer holidays helping to decorate the premises, but the club underwent an even greater change at this time than a merely cosmetic one. Hitherto the club had catered for youths from 18-25 years, but now it was decided that a younger age group would benefit even more from the premises and its activities, so it was decided to take in boys from 10-18 years, dividing them into three age groups who would meet once a week, when they would learn a simple trade like carpentry as well as enjoy the recreational facilities provided. At this time the club was autonomous with no connection with any other organisation, so a committee was formed of former members for the day-to-day management of the club. Dan Coveney, Dermot Sullivan and Reggie Redmond of the union were members of this management committee, but more union members were needed to help in the running of the club. With the help of the union, the St Louis Musical Society, the Golden Guinea Club, the finances of the club were in good shape. The back yard of the premises were cemented over for £800, A football trip to Liverpool was organised as well as a camping holiday in county Wicklow. In 1973-74 the running costs of the club were £376 p.a. all of which was raised by the fund-raising activities of the PPU's of St Mary's and St Louis, and of Sales of Work organised by a Ladies Committee. In 1974 £900 was subscribed. 15 boys from the college and about 13 girls from neighbouring schools took part in a 24-hour fast in St Stephen's Green, and two dances were run by the boys from the college, all of which were financially successful. By 1975 about 60 boys were being catered for in the club, which, being situated in the Gardiner St part of the inner city, contributed considerably to the improvement of the area.

The Golfing Society

The Golfing Society, of which P. Drennan was the hon. sec, held their Annual Outing in Milltown GC and over 60 attended the dinner. This was the pattern over the years with a small variation merely in the numbers attending. In 1971-72 15 from St Mary's took part in a golf outing to Royal Dublin organised by the sister colleges, Blackrock, Rockwell and St Mary's. 130 played in this event the following year in Royal Dublin, but little more than half that number in the next year. It is a very useful exercise in Holy Ghost solidarity and well worth cultivating. While the union presidents and hon. secs. meet annually at each others union dinners, there is no other occasion where the ordinary members can meet.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Two new hard courts were installed in the Tennis Club which was celebrating its 21st Anniversary in the Belmont premises, thus making it a year-round club. Every year an

appeal was made in the Annual Address of the PPU Hon. Sec. for more of the past students to join the club to ensure its continuing links with the college, but not with much success. Boys interested in tennis were already members of clubs nearer their homes before they left school. In 1971-72 there were 150 in the club, with more ladies than men, but this was not a sufficient number to offset expenses, and were it not for the various functions run to raise funds the club would be in debt and it left no possibility of further improvements.

Nevertheless, the club carried on. In 1973-74 the B team reached the quarter-final of its League, while the Men's Winter League team reached the final with Sutton LTC. There was a Barbeque Weekend on the Shannon in the summer and a number of outings to Brittas Bay. The At Home was held in the Cliff Castle Hotel in Dalkey. In 1974-75 the B team was promoted to Class 3 after defeating Taney LTC to win the Cup for the first time. The At Home was held in Brook House. At this time the rugby club was engaged in its move from Fortfield to Templeville and the tennis club wondered if perhaps they could be accommodated there also and in that way forge closer links both with the college and its past pupils. But from soundings made, it appeared that the rugby club had other plans.

ST MARY'S RFC

The 1969-70 season did not end on as high a note as the last but it was by no means bereft of laurels. While the 1st XV went down to Lansdowne in the first round of the Cup after two replays, the 2nds won the Metropolitan Cup for the first time in 17 years. They were captained by George Hook who also captained the Leinster Junior Interpro team in their clean sweep. All through the season it was felt that this team would come good despite the number of times that their members were called upon for duty with the 1sts. Terenure had already won the Junior League without losing a game. They led by 8 points at half-time with aggressive attacking football, but mid-way through the half the St Mary's forwards began to get on top. A penalty by O'Connell was followed by a Kinahan try converted by O'Connell, who then clinched the victory with another penalty in the dying minutes.

The 3rd B got to the final of the Winters Cup for the second year in succession. A new competition was inaugurated that year between the 3rd D teams of Terenure and St Mary's, called the Greenlea Cup after the Terenure RFC Grounds, and was won by St Mary's who seem to make a habit of winning trophies in their inaugural year (Leinster Senior League; Moran Cup; Winters Cup; McCorry Cup; Junior 4 League).

Tommy Kearns officiated at the Air Force-Navy game in Twickenham, an Interprovincial and a Cork-Dublin match while Matt Gilsenan handled both the Leinster Senior Cup and Schools Cup finals as well as one of the Interprovincials.

Sean O'Byrne managed a short 3-match tour to Devon which was highly successful. The 1st XV travelled to Liverpool to play Waterloo and Wilmsow. A creditable draw was the result of the first, but the second game was cancelled. West of Scotland and New Brighton were two visiting teams who were welcomed during the year.

Fergus Meehan and Kevin Corrigan were capped by Connaught; Terry Young, Denis Hickie, Johnny Moloney and Sean Lynch were capped by Leinster, who were captained by Lynch. Lynch was also a sub for the Irish team. Sean Lynch, Johnny Moloney, Shay Deering, Henry Murphy and Jim McDonnell were picked for the Irish Tour to Argentina. Derek Jennings was picked for the Irish Youths team which did so well both in London and Dublin. With Paul Andreucetti and Dermot Byrne he was on the first-ever Leinster U-21 team who played Ulster.

The season was notable for one sad happening, the death of the first-ever captain of the club, Seamus Ó Braonain. With his death the last link with the founding of the club in 1900 was severed.

1970-71 had to be the greatest season ever in the club. The Leinster Senior Cup was won



Sean Lynch



Johnny Moloney



Tom Grace

under the captaincy of Johnny Moloney, with Vinnie McGovern as manager. Sean Lynch and Denis Hickie became the first members of the club to be capped for Ireland [previous past student Internationals, Paddy Roddy (1920), Joe Clarke (1922-24) and George Norton (1947-50) had played for Bective Rangers]. They played in all four Internationals as well as the Interprovincials, together with Johnny Moloney who was Roger Young's understudy for the Irish team. Another first for the club was Sean Lynch's selection on the Lions' Tour to New Zealand (an honour previously given to George Norton), as was his selection for the Barbarians.

The 2nd XV, under captain Eamonn Mullan and manager, Bill Grey, retained the Metropolitan Cup. George Hook retained the captaincy of the Leinster Junior Interprovincial team which also featured Ciaran O'Connell.

This season also saw the inauguration of the McCorry Cup for U-19 teams, which St Mary's won under the captaincy of Paul Andreucetti. Ned Carmody did a fine job of coaching this team as, indeed, he did for every other team in the club as required. He also coached the successful Leinster U-19 team which contained Liam Grissing, Martin O'Brien, Paul Andreucetti, Eddie Wigglesworth, Tom Lynch and Cathal Sweeney. In addition, Paul, Eddie and Derek Jennings played for the Leinster U-21 team.

Joe Fanagan, the club's representative on the Branch, was elected to the Selection Committee. T. B. Kearns (France-Romania; Irish Trial), Matt Gilsenan, Eddie French, Paddy Farrell and Denis Nagle were active with the whistle for the Branch and Union. Many teams were entertained to meals in the club throughout the season and were loud in their praise of the hospitality, which was in the hands of Colm Bevan, who also took charge of the celebratory dinner for the new Internationals. Matt Gilsenan again looked after the Annual Dinner which was an unqualified success. It is considered the best Club Dinner in Leinster.

Because of complaints from local residents about noise and unruly behaviour, the committee reluctantly decided to stop the dances in the beginning of December. This occasioned a severe financial loss to the club but there seemed no other answer. It was decided to start the dances once more in the beginning of June. The same complaints forced the committee to restrict the use of the club during the weekdays too. An enlarged foyer with tea lounge added considerably to the appearance of the club premises as well as

giving much needed extra cloakroom space. At the instigation of the committee, Diarmuid O'Donovan and Nick Kearns, with other members of the legal profession, examined the Club's Constitution with proposals to re-draft it.

The Metropolitan Cup was won for the second time in succession (and the fifth time altogether) at the end of a season which saw the 2nd XV just pipped by Terenure for the Junior League Cup. The icing on the cake that season was the play-off between the winners of the Metropolitan and Provincial Towns Cups, in which St Mary's met and defeated Skerries in a very tight match (8-6).

The McCorry Cup was presented by Blackrock RFC in memory of Charlie McCorry, a well-known and popular rugby personality closely connected with both rugby and Blackrock RFC. It was intended to cater for boys making the transition from schools to club football, so it had an age limit of 19. St Mary's were proud to be the first name on this trophy.

Even before the 1971-72 season began the name and reputation of the club had been enhanced throughout the rugby world to an extraordinary degree by the exploits of Sean Lynch with the British and Irish Lions in New Zealand. Sean played in all four Tests and after this gruelling series of matches was acclaimed as one of the finest prop forwards in the game. On returning home he captained Leinster to win the Interprovincial title and played for Ireland in all three internationals.

The season began on a high note by the winning of the Castle Trophy at the Blackrock RFC Festival and ended with the winning of the J. B. Roche Cup, competed for by the Leinster and Munster (Cork Constitution) Senior League Winners, in its first year to be awarded. In between they won the inaugural Leinster Senior League, playing some brilliant football which won them unstinted praise from all the critics, with an end-of-season tribute that recognised the tremendous contribution they had made to the game and acknowledged them as the best club side in Ireland. Captain J. B. Sweeney, coach Eamon Carmody and manager Sean O'Byrne deserved great praise. It was just unfortunate that the team slipped up at the worst possible moment by allowing



Denis Hickie



Shay Deering



*Tom B. Kearns
International Referee.*



*Joe Fanagan
Irish 'Big Five' Selectors.*



*Gerry K. Boyd,
Leinster Branch Treasurer,
IRFU, 1971-81.*

Lansdowne, the eventual cup-winners, overcome them in the first round of the Cup. 3C XV reached the final of the O'Connor Cup.

Honours continued to be heaped on the heads of players. John Moloney gained his first cap, against France in Paris, to be followed by two more, against England at Twickenham, and France a second time, in Dublin, to make up for the refusal of Scotland and Wales to travel to 'disturbed' Ireland. Johnny scored in both French games, thus becoming the first member of the club to score for his country. Joe Clarke (Bective) had scored a try in 1924; George Norton (Bective) was Ireland's top points scorer in Internationals until Olly Campbell broke his record. Johnny and Denis Hickie (who gained his 5th and 6th caps during the season) also played for the Barbarians. Eddie Wigglesworth, Shay Deering and Paul Andreucetti joined the two internationals on the Leinster team, and Kevin Corrigan played for Connaught team. In addition, Eddie Wigglesworth was on the Leinster U-19 team. Ron Foley and Conor Ryan were Leinster Junior Interpros. Joe Fanagan, the club's Leinster representative, was on the selection committee whose teams were unbeaten in the Interprovincial and Inter-City matches throughout the season.



*Metropolitan Cup
Winners, 1970*

*Back: P. Bolger, R. Foley,
G. Fanning, C. Ryan,
J. Murray, M. Rigney,
T. McCormick, V. McGovern.
Seated: G. O'Hagan,
D. Jennings, A. Andreucetti,
G. Hooke (Capt), M. Jones,
C. O'Conaill, F. Meehan.
Front: E. Mullen, J. Kinahan.*

*Leinster Senior Cup
Winners, 1971*

Back: V. McGovern,
K. Corrigan, F. Dowling,
N. Kenny, D. Hickie,
J. Sweeney, D. Byrne,
R. Foley, T. McCormack,
P. J. Bolger.
Front: A. Andreucetti,
A. Byrne, E. Wigglesworth,
J. Moloney (Capt), F. Meehan,
P. Andreucetti, C. Sweeney.



Tommy Kearns took charge of the France versus Gt Britain Universities game as well as a Schools Interpro.

The dances which were suspended the previous year because of complaints from neighbouring residents were successfully resumed in June, due mainly to sterling work by Sean Jennings, Niall Woodcock, Gerry Ebbs and Derek Jennings.

1973-74 was another sparkling year for the club and the Leinster Senior Cup returned once more to Rathmines. This was the third victory out of four finals in six years. Paul Andreucetti was captain, Ned Carmody coach and Tim Brooder manager. Johnny Moloney, Sean Lynch and Tom Grace were capped for Ireland, while the latter two were on the Lions tour to South Africa. In addition, Tom Feighery got his Interpro for Leinster, while John Kinahan and Ron Foley got Junior Interpros. Denis Hooper was on the successful Leinster U-19 team. Joe Fanagan graduated to the Irish 'Big Five', which picked the first Irish team to win the Championships since 1951.

Tommy Kearns had charge of the Leinster Senior League final.

The Annual Dinner continued to be the best in the province thanks to the good work of Matt Gilsenan. The guest-of-honour was Bill McBride, the Irish captain of the Lions, who was presented with a plaque by the Club to mark this honour and regaled the company with stories of 'Lynchie' on the New Zealand Tour.

The most momentous happening was the announcement towards the end of the season that the Club was to move from Fortfield Road. The negotiations had been in train for some time with the Holy Ghost Fathers in Kimmage and the bank for the acquisition of land close to Templeogue College. This would give sufficient space for four full pitches and a clubhouse with ample parking space. It would also allow for the building of a clubhouse which would be considerably distant from the nearest housing, thus avoiding the problems that had arisen in Fortfield regarding noise.

1974-75 was the Centenary season of the Irish Rugby Football Union and St Mary's used that stage to add even greater lustre to a playing history that was second to none in the country. The first task was to make sure of holding on to the Leinster Senior Cup, no easy task as events proved. Terenure caused the first hiccup by holding them to a 13-13 draw in the first round, but the replay was safely negotiated. Old Belvedere were then safely disposed of 20-10. The semi-final with UCD was a thrilling game, St Mary's getting on top only in the final quarter to win 10-0. The final against Old Wesley was equally thrilling and ended in a draw 6-6. In the replay Old Wesley led 3-0, 6-3 and 9-3. With only seven minutes left a Tom Grace try and penalty set the seal on a magnificent effort.

*McCorry Cup
Winners, 1971*

Back: E. Carmody,
R. McKell, G. Walshe,
P. Greene,
Fr. W. Kennedy,
M. O'Brien, E. Morgan,
T. O'Flanagan,
M. Colley, P. J. Bolger.
Seated: T. Lynch,
C. Sweeney, B. Bennett,
P. Andreucetti (Capt),
E. Wigglesworth,
L. Grissing, B. Grimson.
Front: P. McLoughlin,
F. Kennedy.



*Leinster Senior Cup
Winners, 1974*

Back:
E. Carmody, (Coach),
T. Feighery, A. Hickey,
T. Grace, J. Sweeney,
J. Donlon, M. Glynn,
P. O'Reilly, S. Lynch,
T. Brooder (Manager).
Seated: T. Young,
H. Murphy,
A. Andreucetti,
P. Andreucetti,
J. O'Donohue
(President), F. Kennedy,
R. O'Connor,
E. Wigglesworth.
Front: L. Grissing,
J. Moloney.

*Leinster Senior Cup
Winners, 1975*

Back: E. Carmody,
T. Feighery,
T. McCormack,
E. Mullan,
J. B. Sweeney,
T. Grace, M. Glynn,
J. Donnellan, D. Hickie,
A. Hickie, T. Brooder.
Seated: S. Lynch,
H. Murphy, L. Naughton,
J. O'Donohue,
T. Young (Capt),
J. Moloney, F. Kennedy,
L. Grissing.
Front: P. Andreucetti,
E. Wigglesworth.



*Lions and
Interprovincials, 1974*

Back:

*T. Young (Munster),
A. Hickie (Leinster),
T. Feighery (Leinster),
J. Sweeney (Leinster),
E. Wigglesworth
(Leinster).*

Front:

*H. Murphy (Leinster),
T. Grace (Lion,
Ireland & Leinster),
P. Andreucetti (Leinster),
J. Moloney (Lion,
Ireland & Leinster),
S. Lynch (Lion,
Ireland & Leinster).*



That victory put the club in line for another honour. The Munster Branch had organised the All-Ireland Centenary Club Champion-ships between the champion clubs of the four provinces. The replayed Leinster Cup final left St Mary's with a daunting task. They would now have to play matches on the Saturday and Sunday if they were to win, on top of the two matches the previous Saturday and Wednesday – four cup ties in eight days! And yet, they never played better than they did against the Ulster champions, Bangor, that Saturday, setting themselves up for an encounter with one of the club's friendliest of rivals, Garryowen.

The scene was set for a moment of glory for the club. The ground was packed to capacity with fervent Garryowen supporters who had come to see the battle of the champions. They were not disappointed. Again St Mary's trailed and again their opponents led 9-3. It seemed the team had played their heart out and were doomed to defeat, but once again the fighting spirit came to the rescue. Tom Grace scored near the posts and his conversion made it 9-9. And that was how the game ended. Extra time had now to be played. The rules stated that in the case of a draw, the side with more tries would win. Since St Mary's had the only try of the game, the game was obviously to defend might and main. But that was not the St Mary's way. They attacked from the word go and twice nearly got over but the final whistle came with no change and St Mary's were Centenary Champions.

Tommy Kearns took charge of the Leinster Schools Junior Cup Final.

The only other competitions in which St Mary's were successful were the Kilcock and U-19 Sevens under captains Rory O'Connor and Declan Fanning.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
Patrick Corrigan	(1955-62)	1970	Legion of Christ
Patrick Connolly	(1952-62)	1972	SMA Cairo
Brian Horgan	(1956-65)	1972	OP
Anthony Sheridan	(1951-59)	1972	CSSp

Chapter Eighteen

1975-1981



President
Very Rev William Nugent

REVEREND FATHERS

Walter Kennedy – Vice-President (1975-79) – Professor (1944-79)
Francis Barry – Professor (1944-84) – Vice-President (1979-84)
James Hurley – Principal (1969-77)
Jerome Godfrey – Principal (1977-89)
Sean Little – Principal Junior School (1971-80)
John Fallon – Principal Junior School (1980-81)
Gerald Lord – Vice-Principal Junior School (1975-76) – Professor (1956-79)
Vincent O’Grady – Bursar (1975-76) – Professor (1974-81)
Michael Moore – Bursar (1976-77)
Michael Smithwick – Bursar (1977-89)
David Darcy – Gamesmaster (1975-80)
Edmund Burke – Professor (1961-83)
Cyril Byrne – Professor (1962-)
John Byrne – Professor (1959-81)
Edward Darcy – Professor (1979-84)
Michael Kennedy – Professor (1971-77+)
Patrick Liddane – Professor (1980-85)
Martin McDonagh – Professor (1975-77)
Martin Maiben – Professor (1954-80 ret.)
Patrick Murray – Retired (1972-84+)
Peter Raftery – Professor (1980-)
Bro. Ignatius Curry – Professor (1976-80)

REVEREND PREFECTS

Michael Begley
Colm Early

Michael Kilkenny
Conor Courtney

LAY PROFESSORS

- Pól Uasal Mac Murchú – Vice-Principal (1972-)
Mrs F. Bane – Professor (1979-)
Ms Elizabeth Behan – Professor (1972-76)
Ciaran Brannigan – Professor (1971-)
Michael Brennan – Professor (1980-)
M. Clarke – Professor (1977-79)
B. Comerford – Professor (1976-77)
Francis Conlon – Professor (1972-)
James Corbett – Professor (1972-77)
Michael Cotter – Professor (1975-76)
Ms B. Coyle – Professor (1975-76)
J. Crowley – Professor (1972-85)
Ms P. Crowley – Professor (1980-85)
Ms M. Culhane – Professor (1974-76)
G. Delaney – Professor (1976-77)
Ms A. Deroe – Professor (1977-79)
Noel Doyle – Professor (1964-)
E. Drea – Professor (1976-78)
J. Egan – Professor (1976-78)
Ms A. Foley – Professor (1976-78)
J. Gillespie – Professor (1972-)
Patrick Henry – Professor (1964-83)
Mrs G. Higgins – Professor (1980-81)
Ms B. Hogan – Professor (1975-77)
Kevin Hogan – Professor (1978-79)
Richard Hughes – Professor (1979-)
Mrs M. Kelly – Professor (1975-77)
James Kirby – Professor (1978-)
Ms M. Lawlor – Professor (1976-79)
I. Lee – Professor (1979-84)
J. Lehané – Asst. Bursar (1976-85+)
Michael Leonard – Professor (1972-)
Sr Claire Little – Professor (1978-79)
Kevin Lewis – Professor (1971-)
Ms E. McCallig – Professor (1976-)
Sean McCarthy – Professor (1966-)
Ms Judy McDonnell – Professor (1980-)
Ms S. McGrath – Professor (1978-80)
J. McConnell – Professor (1976-78)
- Ms F. McLoughlin – Professor (1978-79)
Ms M. Maguire – Professor (1980-81)
T. Mallon – Professor (1979-80)
Sr Dorothy Molloy – Professor (1979-80)
R. Moloney – Professor (1976-78)
S. Moriarty – Professor (1976-78)
Kevin Murphy – Professor (1973-78)
M. Murray – Professor (1979-80)
Liam Naughton – Professor (1974-)
Terence Newell – Professor (1971-)
Ms G. O'Brien – Professor (1976-78)
Mrs M. O'Donnell – Professor (1980-)
F. O'Donoghue – Professor (1890-)
Michael O'Flaherty – Professor (1975-80)
S. Ó Canainn – Professor (1975-77)
Ms Nuala O'Sullivan – Professor (1979-82)
Mrs E. Pender – Professor (1979-80)
Peter Quinn – Professor (1965-)
Ms H. Reedy – Professor (1980-81)
Mrs Brid Roberts – Professor (1970-76)
Ms B. Ryan – Professor (1976-78)
Mrs M. Reynolds – Professor (1976-78)
Mrs M. Sealy – Professor (1975-79)
Ms D. Smyth – Professor (1976-78)
Mrs L. Southwell – Professor (1975-76)
Ms M. Trundle – Professor (1978-80)
J. Tracey – Professor (1976-79)
Mrs Una Wall – Professor (1977-)
Francis Wright – Professor (1978-79)
Mrs T. White – Professor (1979-)
- Ms Maura Cranny – Speech & Drama (1944-90)
Ms Maureen Valentine – Music & Drama (1972-)
Mr Oliver Dunne – Physical Ed. (1961-)
Ms O. O'Sullivan – Physical Ed. (1975-79)
– Physical Ed. (1980-)
Mr Tony Ward – Physical Ed. (1979-80)
Mr E. Mahon – Physical Ed. (1979-80)
Mrs A. Collins – Swimming (1978-80)
Mr P. Collins – Swimming (1979-80)

William Nugent, CSSp

THE NEW PRESIDENT was Fr William Nugent, born in Ardfinnan, county Tipperary, in 1925. He went to school in Rockwell College and joined the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1943. He took an M.A. in Celtic Studies in UCD in 1949 and prefected in Rockwell before going to Rome where he took a Licentiate in Theology. He was ordained priest in Rome in 1953. Appointed to Kimmage Manor to teach philosophy, he spent eleven years at that work, during which time he did a considerable amount of preaching of Retreats. He returned to Rome in 1965 where he completed his Doctorate in Theology. In the following year he was appointed Novice Master in the Novitiate in Kilshane, county Tipperary, and for eight years he held this most onerous post at a time of great upheaval in the Church following on the Second Vatican Council. He was then appointed President of St Mary's. After his six years as President of St Mary's, he was appointed chaplain to St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, where he continues to do admirable work of spiritual rehabilitation among the patients. His dedication and skill have gained for him a high reputation with the families of the patients and with the medical staff.



Dr Michael Kennedy died on Ascension Thursday, May 19, 1977 and, in the words of the obituary that appeared in the *College Annual*, "left behind him a life of sanctity, of culture and education, a life of kindness and thought and a life that made him one of the most eminent members of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers. He was mourned by his confreres all round the world but especially in St Mary's where he was loved by all who came into contact with him from the lowliest junior to the most senior members of the Union and Club."

Another great loss from the staff at this period came with the death of Fr Sean Little who came to St Mary's in 1970 and served as Dean of the Junior School for nine years until his unexpected and untimely death on May 13, 1980. He was born in 1931 in county Kilkenny, the county that had given St Mary's its first President, Fr Tom Fogarty. He went to Blackrock College and then entered the Holy Ghost Fathers. He had First Class



The College Staff 1979-1980

Back: Fr. C. Byrne, Mr. N. Doyle, Fr. M. Maiben, Fr J. Byrne, Mr. P. Quinn, Mr. J. Gillespie, Fr. P. Raftery, Mr. P. Henry, Fr. E. Darcy, Mr. S. McCarthy, Mr. K. Lewis.

Middle: Fr. V. O'Grady, Mr. T. Newell, Fr. P. Liddane, Mr. M. Leonard, Mr. J. Kirby, Mr. C. Branigan, Mrs. F. Bane, Mr. M. Brennan, Miss J. McDonnell, Mrs. T. White, Fr. F. Barry, Mr. L. Naughton, Mr. R. Hughes.

Seated: Mr. F. Conlon, Mrs. M. O'Donnell, Mr. I. Lee, Mrs. E. Ryan, Fr J. Fallon, Mrs. U. Wall, Fr. W. Nugent, Mr. P. Mac Murchú, Fr. J. Godfrey, Miss E. McCallig, Mr. J. Crowley, Miss P. Crowley, Miss N. O'Sullivan.



Visit of Superior General to St. Mary's – March 1979

Back: J. Hourigan, I. Curry, D. Darcy, M. Smithwick, E. Darcy, F. Barry, J. Byrne, M. Begley, J. Godfrey.

Front: W. Kennedy, J. Daly, General Council, E. Watters, Provincial, M. Timmermans, Superior General, W. Nugent, Superior, J. Gross, General Council, M. Maiben, V. O'Grady.

honours in his degree at UCD, winning the Pierce Malone Scholarship in Moral and Mental Philosophy. He then prefected in St Michael's College for two years, gaining his H. Dip. before going to Rome for his theological studies in the Gregorian where he was ordained in 1958. His first appointment after ordination was to The Gambia in West Africa where he laboured for ten years gaining the experience in school administration that was to be of such benefit to him when he was appointed to St Mary's in 1969 after a year's teaching in England. In St Mary's he showed the same dedication that had characterised his schoolwork in Africa, asking from the students no less than he was prepared to give himself, and that was everything. In 1972 after one year teaching in the senior school he succeeded Fr Hourigan as Dean of the Junior School. For five years he edited the College Annual which was embellished with well-researched articles by himself on the history of the college and the Rathmines area in general. He was actively involved in the Legion of Mary in Dublin and other pastoral activity, including Retreats to non-Catholics for which he was highly regarded. In November 1979 he had to retire from active involvement in the junior school due to illness and was admitted first to the Mater Hospital and later to St Luke's, Rathgar. Following treatment, he returned to St Mary's to the joy of all and it was hoped he would be his old self once more but this hope was dashed when he had a relapse in early May 1980 and was re-admitted to St Luke's where he finally succumbed to the cancer. His Requiem was fittingly celebrated in St Mary's before a packed congregation and the cortege to the community cemetery in Kimmage Manor was immense, an eloquent testimony to the regard in which he was held by one and all.

Mr Patrick Henry joined the senior school staff of St Mary's in 1964 and reached official retiring age in 1979 when he was presented with a canteen of Waterford Glass by the staff in recognition of his long and devoted service. He came to teach Irish and history, having previously taught Latin and Greek, but before long he added English and art to his many accomplishments and, on retirement, he consented to remain on to continue teaching art in a part-time capacity for a further five years before finally calling it a day in 1984. He was

truly a gentleman and a scholar. In his younger days he was a well-known footballer who captained his county, Offaly, for whom he played in mid-field in many Leinster Senior Championships. When Offaly won two All-Irelands in succession, in football and hurling, he was as proud of the achievement as if he had been playing himself. His love for the Irish language, which he spoke to everyone prepared to join him, was patent and one of his great joys before leaving in 1979 was to see one of his pupils attain the highest grade possible in Irish in the Leaving Certificate. No teacher ever deserved better the successes his pupils gained. (P. MacMurchú – *College Annual*)

Another great loss to the college at this time was the retirement through illness of Fr Walter ('Wat') Kennedy, one of the best-loved members of the staff for 38 years and, through his association with rugby teams in both the college and club, one of the best-known Holy Ghost Fathers on the Irish rugby scene. Born in Limerick City, he learned his football in Rockwell College where he distinguished himself as a typical fiery Munster wing-forward, playing on the SCT for three years and as captain in his final year, winning the Munster Schools Senior Cup and Interpro honours. On leaving school he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers which effectively put an end to his rugby career. In those days you might play for a couple of years while prefecting in one of the colleges, as Fr Dick Lehane and Fr Frank McMahon and a number of other prefects in St Mary's did down through the years, but apart from that rugby was confined to inter-house matches in Kimmage Manor which rivalled in intensity and fervour the game as played in New Zealand, Wales and Munster. After his ordination in 1941 he was appointed to St Mary's where he spent the rest of his priestly life until his retirement through illness from active teaching in 1979. He was a well-loved teacher of science, and a trainer and coach of football teams, both in the school and the club. During his time he had the satisfaction of seeing the school win three Leinster Senior Schools Cups, three Leinster Junior Cups, the Leinster Second Seniors Cup and the Leinster Junior Plate twice. The debt owed by school and club to the expert training, guidance and encouragement of Fr 'Wat' is immense.

Fr Gerald Lord came to St Mary's in 1956 and was on the staff for 23 years, during which he attended UCD for some time and obtained his degree. He was very interested in photography and many of the fine photos which appeared in the *College Annual* down through the years were his work. In 1979 he was appointed to pastoral work in the U.S. where continues to this day.

The last day of the term in June 1980 marked the last official day of teaching in St Mary's for another long-time member of the staff, Fr Martin Maiben, who joined the staff in 1954. Born in Dublin and educated in Pres. Bray and Blackrock College, Fr Maiben joined the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1934 after leaving Blackrock and was ordained in 1942. Inheriting a gift for music from his father, he showed early talent which he assiduously cultivated at every opportunity permitted during his student days as an organist, a pianist and as a string instrumentalist, taking over and building up a creditable orchestra from among the students in Kimmage Manor. His first appointment after ordination was to St Mary's College, Trinidad, in the West Indies, to which he made the hazardous journey during the very height of the German U-boat campaign. For nine years he taught there until forced through ill health to return to Ireland. During his time in St Mary's Trinidad he continued his interest in music, taking charge of the choir and orchestra in the college and bringing them to new heights of excellence. On his return to Ireland he was appointed to Blackrock while undergoing medical treatment and after a year moved to St Mary's where he stayed for the rest of his teaching career, combining general teaching with music, taking charge of the college choir as well as inaugurating music appreciation classes which gave many their first insights into the pleasures of classical music. Every year the fruits of his training were heard in the prize-giving concerts which featured choral and instrumental items. At the Staff Dinner in 1980 a presentation was made to him by the members of the staff to



Rathmines Folk Group, 1978/79

mark his retirement, although for some years he continued to teach a limited number of classes until his more recent full retirement.

Fr John Byrne was another long-term member of the senior school staff. Ordained in Rome in 1958 he came to St Mary's the following year. He was a gifted woodworker and made the much-admired illuminated cross which adorned the chapel bell-tower during the Patrician Year 1961 and the Papal Visit of 1979. He was also responsible for the formation of the Rathmines Folk Group, originally composed of students from St Louis Convent and St Mary's, and remains today the longest-surviving of the many such groups formed after Vatican II, although the college's involvement now is minimal. For three years (1968-72) he was College Bursar. In the summer of 1980 he was unexpectedly transferred to Templeogue College, which still enjoys the benefit of his many gifts and dedicated service.

DEVELOPMENT

The most significant physical development at this time took place not in the college itself but in the Rugby Club which sold its premises in Fortfield to the Allied Irish Bank and acquired land in Templeville Road from the Holy Ghost Fathers opposite Templeogue College on which to build four full-sized pitches and a club-house. The new club-house was unofficially opened in February 1976 but the Blessing and official opening took place in September.

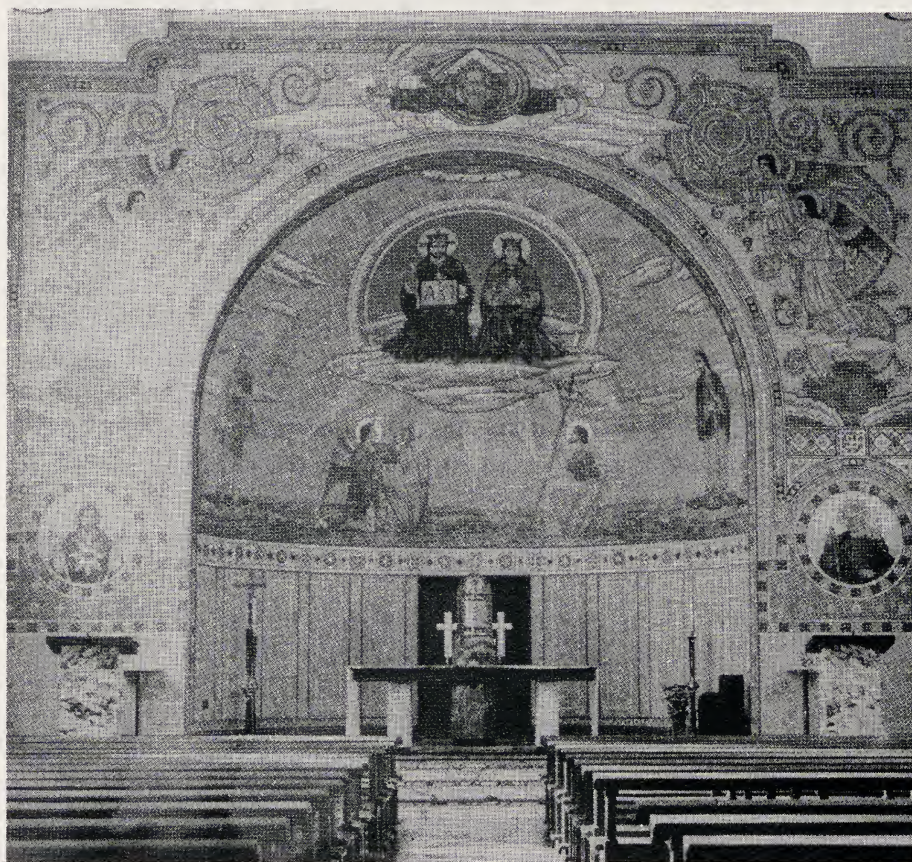
In 1976 the Carmelite Convent, known as Tranquilla, in Upper Rathmines closed for lack of vocations. The Sisters moved to the Carmelite Convent in Donnybrook and the convent premises were put up for sale. The possibility of acquiring these premises and moving the college from its present location was considered for some time, but it was eventually decided that nothing would be gained by the move.

Changes were made in the interior of the community residence such as the partitioning of the former chapel in the upper corridor above the junior school to make three bedrooms for the Fathers and a store-room, and the turning of the former prefects' dining-room into an office for the Bursar, but none of these changes altered the out-ward appearance of the school.

During the summer holidays of 1979, Kenilworth Square, which had oft and on been the subject of vandalism, was broken into and the school rugby pavilion set on fire and destroyed. A happy accident as it necessitated building a new pavilion with more modern facilities.

But, of course, the most outstanding event of the era was undoubtedly the visit of the Pope to Ireland in September 1979 to commemorate the centenary of the apparition of Our Blessed Lady at Knock which was rivalled in the religious annals of Ireland only by the Eucharistic Congress of 1932. As on that occasion, as we have already noted, the college was decorated in honour of the visit. Fr John Byrne draped the college chapel in the papal colours with the help of two of the parents, Mrs Gloria Leahy and Mrs Carmel O'Sullivan, and fashioned with the help of the 6th Year students, a cross outlined with electric light bulbs which he hung from the belfry tower festooned with streamers in the papal colours. On September 23 the illuminations were turned on and until after the papal visit ended were an object of admiration to passers-by. The only direct Collegiate participation in the ceremonies was by the College Volunteer Corps and the College Scouting Unit which helped with the stewarding at the various functions, but there was hardly a boy who did not attend the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park with his family, while about 20 members of the Folk Group made the journey to Galway to participate in the Youth Rally Mass on September 30.

In the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council, great efforts were made to implement the various recommendations of the Council and particularly in the area of liturgical renewal. Mass said by the priest facing the congregation and using the vernacular were the two biggest changes. When the new college chapel was completed in 1953 it had a conventional altar at which the priest said Mass with his back to the congregation, three steps up from the sanctuary. With the new liturgy introduced during the Vatican Council in 1961, it was decided to re-model the altar to bring it into conformity with the new



Post Vatican II changes to Sanctuary of College Chapel. Note that the position of the Altar now meant that the priest could face the congregation when saying Mass.

thinking, so the three steps up to the predella were removed, bringing the table of the altar down *in plano*, and the tabernacle was made free-standing behind the celebrant. In this way the altar and celebrant were in clear view of the entire congregation. As the facility for concelebration was widened, the need for a multiplicity of altars decreased as a number of priests could celebrate together. For this reason it was decided to remove the two side altars in the chapel and replace them with marble ambos, one under the mosaic of the Sacred Heart and the other under the mosaic of St Joseph, as they are now.

ACADEMICS

During these years the school roll numbered 734 (408 in the Senior School; 326 in the Junior) in 1975-76 and 698 (378 and 311) in 1980-81.

The following table gives the Leaving Cert and Inter results 1975-1981:

<i>Leaving Certificate</i>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>"A"s</i>	<i>"B"s</i>
1976	58	6	39
1977	60	11	21
1978	63	5	53
1979	58	7	74
1980	57	22	91
1981	59	14	73

<i>Intermediate Certificate</i>			
1976	66	37	111
1977	66	41	134
1978	60	66	145
1979	63	52	150
1980	62	39	113
1981	56	44	133

In 1980 Mark Redmond was the winner of the Arthur Jacob Memorial Scholarship to the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

Ronan McNulty of 1st Year won the McCullogh-Piggott Cup for Solo Piano at the Feis Ceoil. He is the son of the well known composer and organist, Mr Dan McNulty.

NATIONAL QUIZ

The Dublin Junior Chamber of Commerce organises every year a Metropolitan Schools Quiz and in 1975-76 St Mary's entered for the first time. The metropolis was divided into four areas, each area with its own competition and the four winners then met in the final. St Mary's were able to enter in two areas, Dublin and Clondalkin, due to an

overlapping of the boundaries and won both. The team was Mark Heffernan, Michael Power, Michael Sheerin and captain, Ultan Stephenson. In the Dublin final, held in St Louis, Rathmines, they came first and Marian College were second. In the Clondalkin final held in Presentation, Clondalkin, they won again adding gold pen-and-pencil sets to the plaques won in the Dublin final.

At the Metropolitan final it was decided that St Mary's should appear just once although they had won two area finals, so the runners-up, Marian, were promoted. St Mary's defeated Dominican, Cabra to set up another meeting with Marian who had eliminated St Benildus, Kilmacud. Here the tables were turned and Marian won. A total of 59 schools took part.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society continued to owe an immense debt to Mr Sean McCarthy for his enthusiastic encouragement and organisational ability.

1976-77 was one of the busiest ever years for the Debating Society with nineteen debates as well as participation in the Junior Chamber of Commerce/ESB competition and the Road Safety competition. The St Mary's team was Joseph O'Neill, David Larney, Brian O'Moore and Peter Sirr. In the Trinity College competition Brian O'Moore was best speaker. In January 1977 the second rounds of the the two competitions were successfully negotiated and in the semi-final of the Trinity competition Brian O'Moore was successful. In the regional final of the Chamber of Commerce/ESB event, St Mary's defeated Gonzaga to reach the Dublin City final.

Presentation, Warrenmount, were the opponents in the first Safety First debate, which St Mary's won, as they did the next debate which brought them into the National final, which they lost to St Joseph's, Fairview. The team was Niall Burgess, Tom O'Brien and Bernard Dagge. In the Trinity competition Brian O'Moore and Michael Chester were the St Mary's representatives, winning through to the final. All in all a very successful year with the final or semi-final reached in every competition entered.

In 1977-78 St Mary's competed in the Muintir na Tíre, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Trinity College competitions. Brian O'Moore qualified for the Leinster final of the Muintir na Tíre competition as individual speaker. William Maguire, Brian O'Moore and Patrick Stephenson won through to the second round of the Chamber of Commerce. Brian O'Moore and Tim O'Connell spoke on opposite sides in the Trinity and both qualified for the final. In the Trinity semi-final Brian O'Moore qualified for the National Final which he went on to win. The final debate of the year was a bi-lingual one with Our Lady's Grove in which two from both sides spoke in English and two in Irish.

St Mary's were again the Dublin winners of the Junior Chamber of Commerce debating competition and William Maguire was the winner of the Trinity College Edmund Burke Trophy in 1978-79. Bill Maguire, Fintan McDonald, Ultan Stephenson and Declan Sheehan were the successful team, qualifying them for the national final in which they were not successful. However, for the third year running St Mary's had a finalist in the Trinity debate when Bill Maguire qualified when he successfully defended the motion "That the Signatories of 1916 should have saved their Ink".

1979-80 was another successful debating year for St Mary's as they won the Junior Chamber of Commerce competition once more. The team was Fintan McDonald, Ultan Stephenson, Desmond Foley and William Leo. Mark Lawler replaced William Leo, who had to withdraw, for the next round. The final was with The O'Connell Schools and held in the Art Room in St Mary's to a packed audience. The motion, was successfully defended by St Mary's. Unfortunately, pressure of study did not permit participation in the provincial final to the bitter disappointment of all.



The Inaugural Lorcan C. Gogan Memorial Debate, 1980.

An Irish Debating Team from 5th Year reached the third round of the Gael Linn competition, coached by Mr Jim Kirby. This was the first time in many years that St Mary's had competed and it was hoped the interest would be kept up.

The highlight of the 1980-81 debating year was undoubtedly the Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate, instituted by the Past Pupils Union in memory of a past President of the Union, Lorcan S. Gogan, who did much to foster relations between the past and present pupils. The Gogan family have provided the school with three generations of pupils and have given three members to the Holy Ghost Fathers. It was thirty years since a Past v. Present debate had been held, so it was no wonder the hall was packed for the occasion. A former Union President, Mr Paddy Funge, had presented a perpetual trophy for the best individual speaker. Mr Maurice O'Doherty, RTE newsreader, whose son was in his final year in the school, was in the chair. The school team was Leonard Lynch, Leslie Branagan, Maurice Gueret and Desmond Foley. The Past were represented by Billy Byrne, B.L., Ulick O'Connor, B.L., Liam Birkett and Fr Brian Gogan. Maurice Gueret was voted best speaker and awarded the trophy by the President of the Union, Mr Des White.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE ESSAY COMPETITION

The *Business and Finance* magazine organised two competitions for schools in 1979-80 in order to interest students in making a career in the world of business and finance. The judges were distinguished economists, politicians, educationalists and businessmen. The first was an essay competition and the second a case study of a fictitious firm. The St Mary's essay entry was by Eamonn Ambrose and was judged one of the finest entered and won the award for best individual entry. The prize, donated by Ofrex Ireland Ltd was an overhead projector. Stephen Drumm was the St. Mary's entrant in the second competition and won the best individual award, a spirit duplicator, also donated by Ofrex. Incidentally, Stephen's grandfather, Dr Drumm, was the noted inventor of the Drumm Battery train

that ran for years on the Bray line. His father and uncle were also St Mary's men in the '40s, prominent in rugby and cricket. The awards were presented at a reception in Blooms Hotel by ex-Mary's man, Conor McCarthy, managing director of Ryans Hotels.

John Fitzgerald of 6th Year was adjudged the winner of first prize in the Essay competition in the following year with an essay on "The Growth of Technology". All these successes reflected greatly on the Commerce teacher, Mr Liam Naughton.

BANK OF IRELAND PROJECT

Mr Naughton was the originator of a prize-winning project which involved a large number of students of the Commerce class. The idea was to compile a survey of business activity on Rathmines Main Street. A questionnaire was compiled and the students went in twos to canvass the traders. The reaction to the questionnaire was quite encouraging with 159 replies from 180 contacted. The £150 prize money was divided between the St Vincent de Paul Society and the New Library Fund.

Those taking part were: Brian Bardin, Barry Booth, Ian Burgess, Peter Byrne, Kevin Cahalane, John Carvil, Kevin Conlon, Gary Cosgrave, Richard Crofts, Ian Donnelly, Paul Donovan, Colm Dunne, James Fearon, James Furlong, Brian Gilsenan, John Goldrick, Stephen Gunning, Gerald Hassett, Conor Heslin, Adrian Horne and Austin Lennon.

"FOLLOWING THE FLEET"

In 1978-79 Irish Shipping Ltd. inaugurated a contest for schools which was won by the Junior School. The project was called Sailors Over the Years and undertaken by Form Four under the supervision of their class-teacher, Ms. Mary O'Donnell. Part of the project was a ship built of match-sticks by Norman Byrne, Patrick Crowe and Mark Keenan, who represented the class at the prize-giving luncheon in the headquarters of Irish Shipping, where they were presented with a plaque which adorns the Dean's office today.



*"Business and Finance"
Essay Competition, 1980*

*John Fitzgerald won
the Essay Competition
on "Growth of
Technology", pictured
with his fellow-students
of Commerce with the
Principal, Fr. Godfrey,
and teacher,
Mr. Liam Naughton.*

*National Management
Game, 1980*

*E. Ambrose, S. Cooke,
J. Tunney TD, Minister
of State, Dept. of
Education; P. Barnes,
S. Daly, General
Manager ICL; M. Bowe,
H. Tierney, Ulster Bank,
P. Murray.*



NATIONAL MANAGEMENT GAME

With the idea of promoting computer studies at secondary school level, International Computers Ltd, in 1980-81 co-sponsored with Ulster Bank Ltd, a computer game in which every team represented the Management Board of a manufacturing company. The competition went on for period of three months from September to November. Only one team from a school was permitted but the St Mary's 2nd team was shortlisted and it also went into the final. Gerard Fitzpatrick captained the first team and Paul Barnes the 2nd. Paul Barnes' team came second in the final which entitled them to go into the play-off with two teams from Northern Ireland, in which they came second to Royal School, Armagh, a magnificent achievement since there were over one hundred entries from all over Ireland. The St Mary's team included Paul Barnes, Eamonn Ambrose, Shane Cook, Michael Bowe and Paul Murray.

AER LINGUS YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

In 1980-81 the first students from St Mary's to enter the Aer Lingus Young Scientist of the Year Competition were 5th Year students, Patrick McCarthy, John Keogh, John Nolan and Ronan Hughes. An exhibit on Passive Solar Heating was entered by Ronan Hughes and Patrick McCarthy. The project was highly commended and received a prize.

John Nolan and John Keogh submitted a project on Uranium as a Source of Energy in the Environmental and Social Sciences section.

COMPUTER STUDIES

In view of the present trend in the field of computers and computer science, students who are not familiar with computer techniques will be illiterate in the world they are about to enter on leaving school. For that reason, students at St Mary's are helped towards an understanding of the value of the computer in modern society and with simple computer techniques. Fr Cyril Byrne with 5th Year and Mr Terry Newell with 4th Year provide a course in high-level and low-level computer language, a language devised by Fr Byrne when he was at Trinity College and is called Computer Science Student Program (CSSP). The school possesses a fully equipped Computer Science laboratory

giving ample opportunity to the boys for 'hands-on' experience with computers. Fr Byrne is one of the pioneers in Computer Science studies at secondary level in Ireland. He created and taught the Dillpoma Course in Trinity College for the training of teachers and this course holds pride of place, according to Mr Newell, as the most respected training course for teachers in computer studies. Fr Byrne was chairman of the committee set up by the Department of Education to examine teacher training in this area and was involved in the production of a text-book for this purpose.

CHESS

There was considerable interest but only one tournament was started in 1976-77. M. Bermingham was the motivator on the outside interest and looked after the senior team which did not win any match but had quite a number of individual victories. At the same time, it was not certain if there was enough interest to warrant entry into the Leagues the following year. And as it happened the school did not enter for a number of years after that.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY

The Music Appreciation Society continued under the chairman-ship of Peter Charleton to promote an interest in good music in the school by using a section of the Notice Board reserved for them to apprise the school of forthcoming interesting concerts and worthwhile radio and television programmes. During the year the members attended five symphony concerts and thirteen piano recitals.

DRAMATICS

The long-awaited canonisation of St Oliver Plunkett in 1976 prompted the choice of Aodh de Blacam's play, *Golden Priest*, for 1975-76. The play about the life of Oliver Plunkett was written in 1940 and received its second-ever presentation when Fr Murray produced it in St Mary's in 1943 with Michael MacCormac, in the lead. The play deals with authentic incidents in the saint's life while the actual words of St Oliver and the Lord Chief Justice



"Golden Priest"
Fr. Miescow (Joseph O'Neill)
Dr. Oliver Plunkett
(Cormac Sharpe)



"Golden Priest"
Peter-Pad-the-Road
(Alan Wright)



"Golden Priest"
Cahal Hamis (Charles Jolley)
Meehall Rua (Thomas Mullen)
Dr. Oliver Plunkett
(Cormac Sharpe)



Scenes from
"Arsenic and Old Lace",
1977

with Thomas Mullen,
Kieran Morrin,
Declan Sheehan,
Patrick Lonergan,
Joseph O'Neill,
Edmund Armstrong,
Timothy Lynch,
Michael Graham,
Charles Jolley.

are used during the trial scene. Cormac Sharpe, with a fine voice, quiet, strong, full of assurance, gave, according to Fr Barry, "a portrayal of a personality one felt must have been Oliver's". He was well served by Raymund Bulger, Joseph O'Neill, Tim O'Connell, Brian O'Moore, Gareth Byrne and Ronan O'Neill among others.

Arsenic and Old Lace was the choice for 1976-77 making a complete contrast to the previous year. Declan Sheehan and John Lonergan, tall and thin, short and stout, were excellent as the two ladies. Charles Jolley as the mad brother, Jonathan, and Edmund Armstrong as Teddy who thought he was Teddy Roosevelt and was happily digging the Panama Canal in the cellar, and Michael Graham as the only sane member of the family, with Stephen Fanagan as the police lieutenant. All gave splendid performances which were enhanced by the stage setting built by Raymund Bulger.

Back in 1949 *Charley's Aunt* was produced in what was considered by some as the best presentation ever given in the college, so Fr Barry and his chosen cast had much to live up to. Comparisons are odious and anyway, there were not many still around who remembered the 1949 production. The 1977-78 production could stand comparison with anything that had gone before. Fr Barry considered the 'girls' to be the best-looking 'girls' ever made up in college productions. These were Edward Byrne, Eamonn Brophy, John Keogh and Patrick Leahy, and they were ably supported by William Maguire, Cormac Renahan, David Butt, Declan Sheehan, Edmund Armstrong and Michael Crosbie.

After two farces in succession, *The Winslow Boy*, in 1978-79, the true-life story of a man determined to clear the name of his young son accused of stealing a postal order, was a change of pace and depended on the ability of the cast to delineate character. The three major characters were played by Paul Murray, David Fleming, and Alan Wright. Arthur McEvoy, with his head of flaxen hair, was ideally suited to the part of a young naval cadet in the first part of the play. Niall Harnett appeared in the part in the latter part of the play to show the two-year time elapse from the start of the play.

Slapstick in the form of a rapid-fire West End comedy called *Dry Rot*, by John Chapman, was offered in 1979-80. Edward Byrne and Paul Fleming played the hotel owners, Desmond Foley, Ewan O'Doherty and Maurice Gueret the rogues who get their come-uppance eventually. The play stood or fell on the performances from the last three and they did not fail. For the third year in succession Raymund Bulger built a splendid set, complete with bar and sliding panel.

ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

November to March continued to be the the most interesting period of the year for the bird-watchers, because of Ireland's position in the migratory cycle. The Society was blessed in having within easy reach of the of the school, unspoiled areas such as the estuary at Malahide or the Bull Island or Booterstown marsh, where there were large concentrations of exotic bird life to be viewed at very close quarters. In the January trip to county Wexford, Mr Sean McCarthy providing the transport, they were fortunate enough to see the snow bunting at Lake Tacumshin and to catch a glimpse of a peregrine falcon. At the end of the month, on a trip to Rogerstown estuary in county Dublin, besides about 500 brent geese, they saw a few rare sights, three jacksnipes, a tree sparrow and a short-eared owl. A party of 12 set off on May 29 for the Great Saltee, where they found that the south-easterly winds had brought a number of unusual migrants. The photographic results of the trips were shown one evening with commentary added.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

The Senior School Prize-giving Concert in 1975-76 was mainly the work of the 1st and 2nd Years, and included English and Irish verse-speaking, Irish and Latin choral songs, two French playlets and a French song, a German playlet and an Irish playlet. The Junior School presented *The Children of Lir* in Irish, produced by Mrs Roberts and stage-managed by Fr Barry.

The Christmas Pageant in 1976-77 was produced by Ms Cranny and Ms Valentine in aid of Fr Dick Lehane's Mission in Sierra Leone. Every boy in the Junior School was involved.

In 1977-78 *The Royal Jester* was presented by the Junior School. It was first done by the school in 1947 and repeated with great success in 1955, so it was due for another airing. It had the great merit of involving a large cast, which meant involving a great number of parents who rallied round to help with the costumes, which saved much expense, particularly as the proceeds were meant for the missions. Ms Cranny and Ms Valentine were as usual in charge of the drama and music and were aided by Ms Rita English who choreographed the production. The Prize-giving Concert was given by Forms 2 and 3



Commander-in-Chief
(James Coyne)



King Ortensis, (Paul Fleming)
Queen Zitania (Mark Turley)

ROYAL JESTER



Prime Minister
(Garrett Quigley)
Lord Chancellor
(Robert Davitt)

and included two playlets, choral songs as well as performances by a Percussion Band and Recorder Ensemble.

The production of *Zurika, the Gypsy Maid* by Ms Cranny, musical direction by Ms Valentine and choreography by Ms English, was given in 1978-79. The experience of the previous year had shown that there was a limit to the number that could be used on the stage with any efficiency, so this year it was decided to limit the cast to Forms 5, 5A, 6, 6A. This still involved 128 boys, so 64 boys from the 6th Forms played Acts 1 and 3, 64 boys from Forms 5 did Act 2 and joined the others only at the finale of Act 3. The audiences on three nights enjoyed every minute of it. The mission of Brazil benefitted to the amount of £400.

Since it had been the boys of Forms 5 and 6 who had taken part in the operetta, the Annual Prize-giving Concert in May 1980 was the work of the other Forms: Action Songs and Verse Speaking from Forms 2, Choral songs and two playlets from Forms 3, songs from Forms 4.

There were two evenings of Carol Singing, together with a musical version of Dickens's *Christmas Carol* at Christmas 1979, produced by Ms Cranny and directed by Ms Valentine.

RUGBY

The second half of the decade saw the retirement of Fr Walter Kennedy as coach to the Senior Cup Team. His part in the promotion of excellence in rugby in the school has already been mentioned. His place was taken by Fr David Darcy who moved up from the JCT. The period was notable particularly for the blossoming of the partnership between Paul Dean and Philip McDonnell as half-backs on the 2nd Seniors first and then for two years on the SCT, Leinster Province and Ireland Schools; for the emergence of Gerry Cross and Vincent Cunningham in the competitive rugby scene.

Paul Dean started playing rugby as an U-9 when he entered St Mary's in 1967. It was in the junior school that he began the half-back partnership with Philip McDonnell which lasted all through school, culminating in two seasons on the SCT, Leinster and the Irish Schools team, when they played all three 'Home' countries as well as Australia. The IRFU's Centenary Year in 1975 saw the inauguration of international rugby for Ireland at schools level. The English Schools played the Irish Schools at Lansdowne Road and

*Presentation of the
Timothy West, Munster
& Leinster Trophy, 1978*

*Fr. Jerome Godfrey,
Paul Dean,
Philip McDonnell,
Fr. David Darcy.*



were fortunate 6-3 winners. The next match was against Scotland in 1976 followed by one against Wales. A return match in 1977 saw England run out easy winners. McDonnell and Dean were the halves behind a well-beaten pack but stood out for their dogged defence without ever getting the chance to show their attacking abilities. Wales were played at home but won 10-4. The first schools match against an Australian Schools Touring team took place in Limerick in 1977 and was a thriller in which the all-conquering Australians were fortunate to scrape through 12-10. Dean and McDonnell played brilliantly. Dean and McDonnell continued their partnership in wins in 1978 against England Schools (22-16) in Dublin and Scotland Schools (21-7) in Inverleith.

After he had starred in the junior school rugby scene for four years, Gerry Cross began to make a name for himself in competitive football when he captained the U-13 team to capture the Provincial's Cup in 1978-79 for the first time since 1972. A proneness to injury which was to plague him all through his career showed itself early in 1980-81 in his second year on the JCT and put him out of contention for most of the season. Vincent Cunningham made his first competitive appearance for St Mary's the following year in the same competition.

The trophies won at this period were the Second Seniors Cup and the Provincial's Cup. The surfeit of good players in the backs on the SCT meant a very healthy-looking Second Seniors and so they proved, spear-headed by Paul Dean, captained by Terry Coveney. The fruitful partnership between Paul Dean and Philip McDonnell which had done well in the JCT continued to mature both in the U-16s and 2nd Seniors. The words of the coach, Noel Doyle, in the *College Annual*, 1976, were prophetic:

Paul Dean was out-half, and anyone who has played with Paul, or has seen him play, knows that if he continues to develop and display those abilities in the next five or six years, then it is certain that there is no honour that this game has that is not within his grasp. Apart from his abilities to handle, run, kick, his reading of the game is superb.

This was the first victory for St Mary's in this competition and was made all the sweeter by the fact that it was Blackrock, who, with their enormous pick, had dominated and been beaten only once since its inception twelve years previously, that they met and beat in the final.

Success at last in the Provincial's Cup for the first time since 1972 was the reward for wholehearted endeavour throughout the season, combined with dedication to the honing of skills in practice. Led by Gerry Cross and Timmy Scanlon, the team showed many fine qualities.

Stephen Mulvey and Paul Barnwell were chosen for Leinster in 1975-76 and Stephen was captain. Dean and McDonnell for Leinster and Ireland in '77 and '78. Andy Cowman was substitute hooker in 1979-80. Conor Cooke, John O'Connell and Niall McNiff were Leinster trialists.

Plaudits are often, not just reserved for winners, but extended to losers for outstanding performance. This certainly was the case with the SCT in 1976-77. St Mary's for once had a big pack with John 'Rusty' O'Connor towering above the line-outs, conspicuous as much for his red hair as for his height. The opening match against St Paul's in Jones Road was played in a downpour and St Mary's were happy to see Dickie Doyle cross for a try and Philip McDonnell kick a penalty for a 7-3 win. A 15-10 win against Wesley gave St Mary's a semi-final chance against Terenure who had accounted for Clongowes, Castleknock and Monkstown. St Mary's took charge from an early stage with the halves stamping their authority on the game and came out 12-3 winners to set up a final with the inevitable Blackrock.



Scenes at the Blessing and Opening of the new Pavilion in Kenilworth, 1981.

Blackrock College brought back the Leinster Schools Senior Cup for the 54th time by defeating St Mary's at Lansdowne Road in what must have been one of the finest finals of this 90-year-old competition.

The 20,000 crowd were held spellbound by the tremendous performances of two fine teams who finished level, 12-12, at the end of normal time. Then the attendance had the bonus of extra time which saw Blackrock take command and tag on 12 further points for victory.

The final scoreline, however, does a tremendous injustice to St Mary's . . . (who) had in Philip McDonnell and Paul Dean, the best pair of half-backs seen in the competition. Scrum-half McDonnell, strangely ignored by the Leinster and Irish Schools selectors, had a marvellous match, feeding Dean a series of beautiful passes. Dean gave an equally polished performance at out-half and scored a classical try from one of McDonnell's long passes. He chipped ahead, gathered the ball and then went round two tackles to cross between the posts.

(The Irish Independent)

Conor Cooke captained an U-13 team which included besides himself, three more players who went on to star with the Club, Dermot Quigley, John Kennedy and P. Mac Giolla Riogh, after they left school. The team had had an impressive record in the junior school but their lack of size told when they got into the senior school.

The 1977-78 season saw a revival of the practice of sending the SCT on tour. During the Halloween break they went to London and played two games, against Douai College who were beaten 28-3, and St Joseph's, Blackheath, who were barely beaten, 13-12. Blackheath

came over during the Christmas holidays for a return match. Another new fixture featured Methodist College, Belfast, who had a well-merited win.

The 1979-80 season was complicated by the malicious fire which destroyed the Senior Pavilion in Kenilworth during the Summer holidays. As well as causing great inconvenience on every practice day it meant all matches had to be played either in the Club's grounds in Templeville or away. This was Fr Jerome Godfrey's first year as coach of the SCT. In 1980-81, when it seemed it would never be completed, the new pavilion was made available before Christmas and the tiled floors and oceans of hot water made practice on wet, dreary winter evenings, if not enjoyable at least more bearable.

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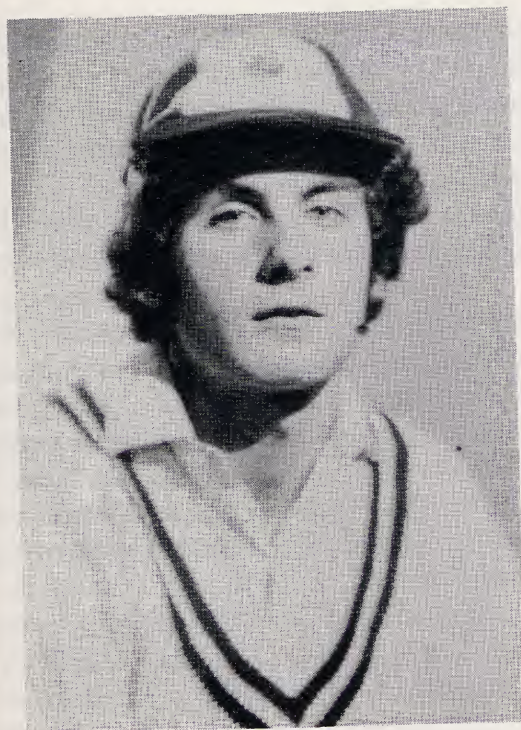
All of the 1975-76 Senior Cricket Team were members of Leinster C.C. so more was really expected of them than they actually delivered, even though they did reach the final of the League. The final against St Columba's was played in glorious weather in Leinster CC grounds. St Columba's won the toss and batted first making 204 for 4 in the stipulated 50 overs. A reply of 98 from overcautious batting (Ray Sloan 30) was simply not good enough. St Columba's made 172 in their 2nd innings. The St Mary's opening pair, Delaney and Graham, made 60 and by the tea interval St Mary's were 121 for 2. Then they lost four wickets in quick succession for the addition of only 11 runs. Philip McDonnell stayed at the wicket till the end which came when St Mary's reached 171. It was one of the best finals for years, 600 runs scored over the three days. Ray Sloan was picked for Leinster and for the Irish Schools. Hugh Delaney, who was still under 15, was picked for the South Leinster U-19 team.

Players were in short supply even for the JCT, but they succeeded in winning most of their matches. They won their section of the League. Brian Delaney, in his first match in the competition, took 5 wickets for 15 runs. Against St Paul's, Pat McCarthy and Stephen McDonald did the damage with 6 for 9 and 3 for 9 respectively. The semi-final, against High School, whose bowlers, Henderson and Blair, were the bowlers on the SCT also, was a disaster and St Mary's managed only 27 runs.

The U-14s could not be faulted either on the score of skill or enthusiasm. Brian Delaney, a regular on the JCT was captain, aided by Jonathan Bennett. Jonathan was undoubtedly the best fast bowler in Leinster, taking 6 for 21 against High School and he also made the biggest score, 63 against St Columba's. They didn't win the Cup but the standard in the deciding matches, against King's Hospital and High School, was very high.

Five of the previous year's semi-finalists were back in action in 1976-77 and these were reinforced by a group of seven all of whom had played for Leinster CC. Captained by Donal Lonergan with Michael Graham vice-captain, they won their section with wins over Wesley, King's Hos, St Andrew's and Sandford Park, all recognised cricketing schools, scoring over 100 runs every game except over King's Hos. In this match they made 73 but with Philip McDonnell taking 5 catches off the bowling of Donal (6 for 15) they easily dismissed their opponents for 41. The final was played in glorious summer weather in Pembroke grounds against Belvedere, who made 136, to which St Mary's replied with 112. Three quick second innings wickets gave St Mary's a fillip before close of play, but the following day Belvedere went on to make 183. It looked and was an impossible task but St Mary's set about the bowling with a will, throwing caution to the winds, but could only amass 90.

In 1977-78 Hugh Delaney was captain, assisted by Mark Hughes. Against King's Hos Brian Delaney had an inspired spell with the ball and took 5 for 6 and they were all out for 39. In the next match, 125 was sufficient to see off Sandford Park, especially with Philip McDonnell taking 7 for 35. In the section decider with Belvedere Philip made 45 out a



Ray Sloan
Irish Schools' Cricket International, 1976.



Conor Murphy
Irish Schools' Cricket International, 1981.

meagre total of 72 and Belvedere, who were the eventual cup-winners, easily made the necessary runs. Both Hugh Delaney and Philip McDonnell were chosen for the Leinster Schools.

The enthusiasm of the Juniors more than made up for any lack in numbers. Captained by Mark Lawler, aided by David Raftery, their first League match was a tough one, against St Columba's but they made a fine score of 126 on a sodden pitch, to which the reply was only 89, due mainly to figures of 7 for 37 from Alan Delaney. Losses against Belvedere and The High School were followed by wins over Clongowes and Gonzaga, too little too late.

1978-79 went down as the worst season weather-wise in living memory. A severe winter carried on well into May, rain, sleet and even snow, were the constant expectations before every game. A new competition was inaugurated by Masonic School for U-12s and named after Dr Harry Riske, a cricket enthusiast. St Andrew's won it first time round. An U-13 Single Wicket competition was held in Kenilworth for a magnificent trophy presented by Mr and Mrs Raftery to commemorate their son, John, who had died a few years previously when in 1st Year. Belvedere won the inaugural competition.

This season sufficient players were interested enough in cricket to form a 2nd Senior team and, under Owen O'Sullivan, reached the final of the League. The chief attraction of this form of the game is that the innings are short, 20 overs apiece, so that even those who are studying hard for their Leaving can fit them in. Bowling figures of 4 for 16 by Martin Crofts and 6 for 6 by E. Coveney on the way to a final with Belvedere were outstanding, but the season had gone well into the holiday time and St Mary's could field only a very weak team.

1979-80 opened with a thriller against The High School, ending in 109 each. St Mary's took the last High School wicket with the last ball of the game when the 109 was reached. Martin Crofts took 5 for 30 and Brian Delaney 3 for 31. Against Masonic's pathetic 16, a rather pedestrian 79 was sufficient to win. The figures of Brian Delaney, 6 for 9, and Martin Crofts, 3 for 5, speak for themselves. For the best part of 50 years Masonic had

been a power in schools cricket and it was sad to see their demise. Belvedere in the next round were a different proposition, making a solid 132 for 8 on a big ground, but dropped catches did not help the St Mary's cause and a batting slump did the rest. Conor Murphy and Brian Delaney were chosen to represent Leinster Schools against Munster Schools, and Conor was also chosen to play against Ulster and the Leprechauns.

A lack of interest among the graduates of the Junior School left the U-13s with only 13 players to pick from. Vincent Cunningham was the captain and both bowling and batting mainstay.

In 1980-81 Ireland had the wettest May for years and that meant the wettest cricket season, since most of the cricket is played in May. The League was a disaster for St Mary's. In their second match they registered the lowest in the school's history – 22 all out! Conor Murphy was top batsman in the season and well merited his selection for Leinster against Munster and Ulster and the final accolade of selection for the Irish Schools against the Leprechauns, the Welsh Schools (won by Ireland by 7 wickets), English Schools (won by England by 5 wickets). The English match was played after the Welsh without even one rest day and it proved too much.

ATHLETICS

Tony McCormack was the only St Mary's winner in the Leinster Schools Championships in 1975-76, taking the U-14 sprint, but 260 entrants in the senior section of the Annual School Sports showed there was considerable interest if only it could be tapped and people could be coaxed into the kind of training that success demands. A new event was the 1500m Junior which Andy Whelan won in 4m 57.6, having already taken the 800. Mark Redmond won five events in the Juvenile Section, including the newly included 800m, and 16 ft leap in the Long Jump. Mark Feehan was the Victor Ludorum.

In 1976-77 Mark Redmond (Junior 800), Tony McCormack (Inter. 200) and the Junior Relay (M. Redmond, P. Bennett, D. Kirk, C. Murphy) qualified for the Leinster Finals. Mark was the only medallist (3rd). In the School Sports, Kieran Holland, captain of the school, emerged as the Victor Ludorum. Records were created in the Senior 800 (P. Maguire, 2m 11.9), and Junior 800 (M. Redmond, 2m 12.3).

Entries in the senior section of the School Sports in 1977-78 were smaller than ever, so it was no great surprise that David Cogley was the only qualifier for the Leinster Sports although Tony McCormack failed only by inches. In the School Sports, Paul Dean was the surprise packet in winning the 800, High Jump and Shot to earn the Victor Ludorum, while M. McSweeney took the Junior 100 in record time (12.2), and Ian Dunn equalled the record in the Senior 100.

Entries for the Intermediate Section were well up in 1978-79 although only Michael Lynch (Shot) and Mark McSweeney (Long Jump), along with Pat Blunden (Senior 100) qualified for the Leinster Finals. Leg strain prevented Tony McCormack from making it, but in the College Sports in Kenilworth, where no records were set, he was the outstanding senior competitor. In the absence of the injured Mark Redmond, Mark McSweeney was the best in the Intermediate and he also qualified for the All Ireland Long Jump.

Apart from the Annual College Sports, athletics in 1979-80 remained for the minority, which is probably inevitable in a sport where dedication is essential. Tony McCormack fulfilled the promise he had shown throughout his school career and won the Leinster

100 Championships. Mark McSweeney was 2nd in the Leinster Inter 100 and 3rd in the All Ireland. Owen White became the first St Mary's boy to win the West Leinster 75m Hurdles. He also won the Junior 100m sprint. The Intermediate Relay (T. Miller, M. McSweeney, D. McCarthy, P. Hartigan), and the Minor Relay (O. White, J. Byrne, B. McGreen, P. Cross) qualified for Leinster. Victor Ludorum at the College Sports was Mark Redmond with 3 wins and 3 seconds, including a record 2.11.2 for the 800m. Mark McSweeney had four wins in the Inter, including a record Long Jump (21'00).

1980-81 saw a return to the inter-scholastic athletic meetings which had been a feature of the sporting calendar in the '40s and '50s. In a triangular competition with Blackrock and Castleknock, the St Mary's teams at all levels won every event in which they entered. In the West Leinster championships the juniors were pipped for first place by just one point by Terenure. The seniors were 5th. and three individuals, Niall Cogley (400m), Ken Regan (800m) and Mark McSweeney (100m and 200m) made the finals and Mark came 2nd in the 200m to qualify for the All Ireland. Unfortunately he damaged a muscle in the 100 and could not compete. Three Juniors also reached the Leinster finals, Brendan McGreen (800m) and Anthony O'Regan (800m), both breaking the school record for this event by a large margin. Owen White was 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 200 to qualify also for the All Ireland. The Junior Relay team (McGreen, O'Regan, White and John Byrne) were 4th in the Leinster Championships. Mark McSweeney was Victor Ludorum at the College Sports with wins in four events.

SWIMMING

Upwards of 30 boys went every Saturday morning to the Euro-sport Centre in Grafton St for an hour's swimming where they either learned to swim or how to improve their technique under instructors. A Mini Gala was held in Iveagh Baths at the end of the term in which David Teevan emerged as the top swimmer. Meanwhile, down in Junior 3 a youthful Vincent Cunningham was beginning to show promise. He won a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle in the Irish Schools minor championships and was just pipped for the bronze in the Backstroke event.

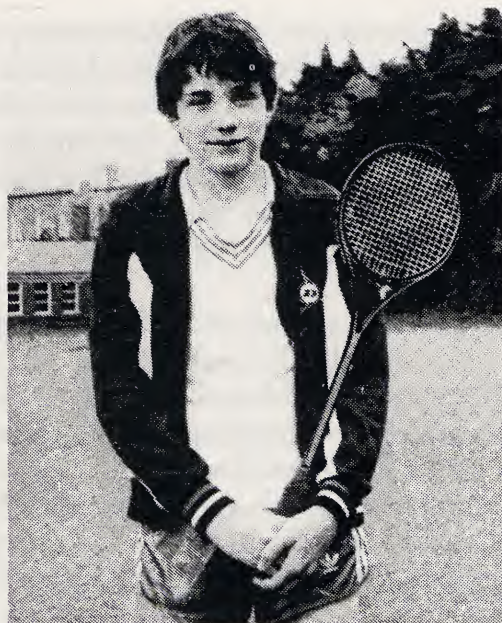
The long-awaited Municipal Swimming Pool in Rathmines was at last opened in 1978, not 200 metres from the college at the other end of Ardee Road. The senior school had the use of it every Thursday from 3.30-4.0 and Fridays from 3-4. The junior school had their sessions also. While large numbers of 2nd and 3rd years, with a scattering of 4th years came, 5th and 6th years were noteworthy absentees. An informal gala was held on the last two days of the season and John Carvill and David Teevan proved best. Three seasoned swimmers from 6th Year, Peter Mulvey, Brendan Largey and Brendan McNally, shared their expertise with less accomplished swimmers from time to time.

In 1978-79 the Thursday sessions were reserved for 1st Year to give them every assistance in overcoming any fear of the water and learning the basic skills. Fridays were for the more accomplished swimmers in the other years. Many boys used the facilities all through the year. Races, for which medals were awarded, were run off at the end of the year and over 20 boys were honoured.

The outstanding swimmer of 1980-81 was Stuart Brady, the son of past student, Des Brady. In the Leinster Clubs Gala in February 1981 Stuart was a member of the team that won the U-16 Freestyle Relay and U-14 Medley Relay. In the same Gala he won an



Stuart Brady with some of his swimming trophies, 1981.



Ciaran Maher, Squash International, 1981.

individual bronze in the U-14 Breaststroke. In March in the Speedo Gala No. 1 he won another bronze in the 100 Freestyle. In the No. 2 Gala he was first in the 100m and was a member of the squad which came 2nd in the U-14 Medley and first in the U-14 Freestyle Relay. In the Leinster Schools Championships he gained a 1st and a 2nd place in individual competitions.

TENNIS

Reasonably good weather in the 1975-76 year was an aid to the Tennis programme but when St Mary's were drawn against the favourites, Clongowes, in the Senior Cup, it was largely a question of "By how much would they win?" R. Sloan and B. Foley took seven games and P. Dean and M. Thornton took eight from their opponents.

In 1976-77 the Schools Section of the Lawn Tennis Association introduced new competitions to allow weaker sides some hope of a trophy. As it turned out, the B teams of the schools that won the A competitions, Clongowes and Castleknock, also won the new trophies. As usual weather interfered very much with preparations. St Mary's continued to be handicapped by the lack of hard courts which not only meant they were at the mercy of the weather for practice but they were unable to practise all year round as most of the other tennis-playing schools then did and were at a very definite disadvantage when playing away matches. Kenilworth was playable only in mid-May, but by then St Mary's had been beaten by Moate. Philip McDonnell won the No. 1 singles and a number of the other matches went to tie-breakers. The Juniors beat Wesley 6-0 but went down fighting to Moate and St Gerard's, 4-2 in both cases. The U-13s did well with 4-1 victories over St Michael's and Belvedere before going down to favourites, St Fintan's. Their final match with Mullingar was another marathon, three singles going to 3 sets before Mullingar took a 2-1 lead, the final set going to 9-7 before the issue was resolved. In the House Tournament Nick Power was the surprising and welcome winner of the top slot.

In 1977-78, for the first time in many years St Mary's won their section in the Junior Cup to advance to the semi-final. They beat O'Connell's and Gormanstown before going down

in the semi-final 4-3 to Newbridge at Clongowes. In the House Tournaments only the Senior was completed, Philip McDonnell beating P. Thornton. Templeogue LTC offered free membership for two years to the finalists.

In 1978-79 the courts could not even be marked before school broke up for the summer holidays so bad was the weather. All games had to be played away, thus surrendering all initiative, so it was heartening to see the JCT beat King's Hos without losing a set. Against Clongowes in the next match, lack of practice was the main reason for the 4-2 defeat.

1979-80 was the big break-through year for tennis in St Mary's when the SCT got past the first round in the Penn-Snauwert Cup. The team was M. Gueret, Paul Brooder, Conor Cooke, John Burke-Moran, Peter Cosgrove and Brian Rowntree. In the semi-final played in Clongowes against Moate, John Burke-Moran was the only singles winner, so Moate had to win just one doubles which they did without hassle. Still, it was quite a shot in the arm for tennis in the school. The Juniors had talent but were short on belief in themselves.

SQUASH

Not having a squash court, this popular game is not played at St Mary's, but recognition must be given to a student who achieved remarkable success in this field in a very short time. Ciaran Maher's squash career began when as an U-14 he won two minor tournaments as well as the Leinster Open. That year he was the No. 3 on the Leinster panel and gained Interprovincial honours. In 1980 he won two minor tournaments and retained No. 3 spot this time as an U-16 in a match against Ulster. In 1981 in his final year as an U-16 he won three tournaments before winning the Connaught Open, coming 2nd in the Munster Open and runner-up in the Leinster Closed. His ranking moved him to No. 1 spot for Leinster and in that position he played in the junior Interprovincials. He gained his International Cap playing No. 4 for Ireland against Scotland in Edinburgh. Needless to remark, he was an everpresent member of the college tennis teams down the years.

BASKETBALL

Basketball could not be said to have flourished in the second half of the 70s decade. It continued to be played by many who were not involved in rugby and Leagues were run off, both in summer and winter, but apart from a couple of games with St Columba's College in 75-76, there was no inter-scholastic involvement. The growth in interest in soccer possibly explains the lack of interest in basketball.

SOCCER

With the growth of the Schools Soccer Cup, matches were being played earlier and earlier in the year which posed problems in any rugby-playing school. St Mary's were fortunate in 1975-76 to get a team together for the first round match with St John's which they won. They managed to get in a bit of practice before the next tie which was with formidable Patrician College, Finglas. This ended in a draw but Patrician prevailed in the replay. Leagues were organised in the last term for seniors, intermediates and juniors which were fiercely contested.

A team was entered in the Senior Cup as usual in 1976-77, but as it coincided with rugby, St Mary's had to withdraw after just one match. Later in the year they entered the Belfield Blitz and won one of their three games.

Soccer was confined to the domestic scene in 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 but



Members of the 7th Troop at East German border while on camp in Bavaria, 1978.

the Leagues, Senior, Intermediate and Junior were as well contested as ever and provided after-school entertainment for the whole of the last term.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

For a number of years U-14 and U-17 Blitzes were organised at school level, mainly catering for rugby-playing schools and St Mary's took part in some of these, even reaching the semi-final stage on one occasion. In 1975-76 both teams from St Mary's reached the last four of their respective competitions at St Paul's, where the seniors were narrowly beaten by Belvedere and the Juniors by Marian. Mr Newell and Mr Lewis looked after the teams. An innovation in 75-76 was an U-15 League played before Easter. St Mary's did not win any match but they enjoyed the experience of playing full-length matches.

In 1976-77 no Blitzes were organised but a full programme of matches was carried out.

Numbers were slow in coming forward in 1977-78 at the beginning of the last term but St Mary's managed to take the field in the League organised for rugby-playing schools, meeting Terenure and De La Salle who were too good for them.

There was a good response from the U-15 age group in 1978-79 and there was no difficulty in getting a team together to contest the league for rugby-playing schools. Templeogue beat St Mary's rather easily in the first match, but then to everyone's surprise, and in particular Terenure's, St. Mary's won the next in Terenure. Unfortunately they had to take the field against Pres Bray without some better players who were otherwise engaged, and were beaten.

SCOUTS

The most significant change in the Unit in 1975-76 was the formation of a new Troop, the 6th Dublin. It was felt that the numbers warranted it and that five patrols in a troop were quite sufficient. Tony Dalton took charge of the new troop assisted by Brian Sullivan and Jimmy Crofts, but handed it over to Tom Shanahan at Christmas. Don O'Higgins

took over the 8th, assisted by Willie Ryan and Dermot Rafter. This left Stephen Sheehan with the 7th, assisted by Richard Murphy, Gerry Coghlan and Tony Pacitti. Jim Kelly was Unit Leader, Jerry Kelly the secretary, Ross McMahon, treasurer, Louis McMullan, Den warden and Fr David Darcy chaplain. Venturers Leader was Gerard McDonald and John Keogh was Cub Leader.

Unit Leader in 1976-77 was Tony Dalton. The only other change in the leadership was in the Cubs where Pat Shaffrey took over from John Keogh and history was made by the appointment of a girl, Siobhan Mulcahy, as an Assistant Leader. A total of 170 boys were engaged in scouting in the college which demanded a large number of committed leaders and the unit was blessed with the number of past scouters who were willing to devote their time to the work. It was the Golden Jubilee of the Association and promised to be an exciting year. The Cub Pack was expanded to 40 members and the Link Badge was introduced to prepare final year cubs for scouting. The highlight of the year was a family picnic in Glenmalure, county Wicklow. The unit was represented by the 6th and 7th in the Melvin Trophy competition in Larch Hill. The 7th won the National Orienteering Competition in county Cork with Paul Barnes and Mark Redmond. The CBSI organised an International Jamboree to mark the Jubilee. The 6th and 7th were 'twinned' with a Danish and German troop respectively, which entailed not only camping alongside the guests for the duration of the camp, which was held in Mount Mellaray, county Waterford with over 10,000 scouts attending, but of providing 'home hospitality' for some weeks. It was immensely successful due to the generosity of the parents involved. The 8th Troop set off for Sweden. There they attended a small jamboree, 'Delcamp 77' outside Stockholm with scouts from all over Europe with whom they formed some warm friendships.

In 1977-78 Pat Shaffrey took over the 8th Dublin from Don O'Higgins while Eoin Redahan took over the Cub Pack. The unit took part in the national orienteering camp in Wicklow in September. The 6th had a four-day camp in Navan in October. The 7th



*Jim Crofts,
Tom Shanahan,
Fr. David Darcy,
Gerry McDonald.*



*M. Murphy, M. Farrell, H. Stephenson
prepare a meal, 1978.*



*P. Norris, A. McEvoy, W. Foley
cooking pancakes on camp in Guernsey, 1978.*

and 8th hosted in Aughavannagh at Christmas while the 6th went to Foulkrath Castle in county Kilkenny. The 7th had been invited by the German Troop with whom they had been twinned in the Jamboree in Mount Mellary, to camp with them in Nuremburg in the summer. This meant an amount of fund-raising on the part of a parents committee, whose inventiveness and hard work were amply rewarded. The 8th went to an International Camp at Woodstock, county Kilkenny, where they renewed friendships formed with Swedish scouts the previous year in Stockholm. The Venturers, now split in two because of numbers, went to Kerry and to Woodstock.

Don O'Higgins became Unit Leader in 1978-79 in succession to Tony Dalton and Gerry Coghlan took over the 7th from Stephen Sheehan. At Christmas all the troops went on camping week-ends to Aughavannagh. The Annual Cheese and Wine Party in the Braemor Rooms to raise funds for the unit's activities was very successful. The 8th won a regional soccer tournament organised by Tom Shanahan, who also organised a jumble sale to raise funds for a needy inner city scout troop to mark "The International Year of the Child". The Venturers toured in the south of Ireland, hostelling.

Changes in the leadership in 1979-80 included Tony Dalton and Pat Shaffrey taking on the duties of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Anne Costello became Cub Leader, Ian Delany the 6th Leader, John Sheehan the 7th, Dermot Rafter the 8th and Tom Shanahan the Venturers. The Venturers were called upon to serve as stewards at the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park and received a service certificate to mark the occasion, but they felt the real reward was the memory they would hold for the rest of their lives of the most wonderful event in which they had ever participated. Before Christmas the unit held a social evening to wish Fr David Darcy, long-time and well-loved Chaplain, bon voyage at his departure for the missions in Brazil. To mark his fifteen years service to scouting in St Mary's he was presented with a bronze medal by Regional Commissioner William Potts, on behalf of the Catholic Scouts Association. The Annual fund-raising Cheese and Wine party was held in Coman's, Rathgar. Apart from the usual week-end fun and training camps throughout the year, the cubs had their annual summer camp in the Earl of Meath's demesne, Kilruddery, on the slopes of the Little Sugar Loaf. The Earl was the original landlord of the Rathmines property that became St Mary's College.

The leadership in the St Mary's Unit remained the same in 1980-81, even though Tom Shanahan got married during the year. The Cub Pack numbered 36 and had many a tiring but enjoyable hike during the year. The annual picnic was washed out but the parents entered into the fun of a car treasure-hunt.

SUMMER CAMPS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1976	Youlbury, Ox. (7th)	Fr Darcy	Stephen Sheehan
	Aberdeen (8th)		Don O'Higgins
	Le Havre (6th)		Tom Shanahan
	Courtown (Cubs)		John Keogh
1977	Mt Mellary (7th)		Stephen Sheehan
	Sweden (8th)		Don O'Higgins
	Mt Mellaray (6th)		Tom Shanahan
	Clongowes Wood (Cubs)		Pat Shaffrey
1978	Nurenberg (7th)		Stephen Sheehan
	Foulkrath, Kilkenny (8th)		Pat Shaffrey
	Guernsey, C.I. (6th)		Tom Shanahan
	Clongowes (Cubs)		Eoin Redahan
1979	Aberdeen (7th)		Gerry Coghlin
	Youlbury (8th)		Pat Shaffrey
	Phasel's Wood (6th)		Tom Shanahan
	Greystones (Cubs)		Eoin Redahan
1980	Broadstone, Sussex (7th)		John Sheehan
	Machynlleth, Wales (8th)		Dermot Rafter
	Sheffield (6th)		Ian Delaney
	Kilruddery, Wicklow (Cubs)		Anne Costello
1981	Youlbury (7th)		John Sheehan
	Walesby (8th)		Dermot Rafter
	Downe, Kent (6th)		Ian Delaney
	Courtown (Cubs)		Anne Costello



Pat Shaffrey, leader, joins J. Woods, B. Gilsenan, R. Davitt and M. O'Neill for a meal in Guernsey, 1978.

THE PAST PUPILS' UNION

1976-77 was celebrated as the Golden Jubilee of the Union. There was good reason for declaring this year the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Past Pupils' Union, because we have the records of the very first meetings, beginning in December 1927, together with an unbroken list of officers and activities down to the present day. However, there is also a claim to be made that a past pupils union was started in the 1890s. In the report to the Mother House in Paris in May 1899, mention was made of the formation of a past pupils' union to preserve the bonds that unite our past students with one another and with the college. As the period covered by the report was from February 1898, we must conclude that the Union was formed between that date and May 1899, the publication date of the report. We have the word of Seamus Ó Braonáin (cf. *College Annual* 1963) that a past pupils cricket club was operating for some years before the rugby club was formed in 1900. That date, 1900, is the accepted date for the formation of an official club called Old St Mary's RFC and can be called the birthday of the present club, but we have the evidence of a photograph dated 1894 purporting to be the St Mary's College Past Pupils Rugby XV. The photo, necessarily in black-and-white, shows members of a team wearing jerseys of horizontal stripes of alternating white and a darker shade, presumably blue, as in the present-day Blackrock or Rockwell jerseys. But the names appended are quite definitely St Mary's. The photograph was probably taken on the once-off occasion of a "Past Pupils' XV v. Present XV" match and the Past wore jerseys borrowed from 'Rock for the occasion to distinguish themselves from the Present.

President of the PPU for 1975-76 was Professor Thomas Lynch. The joint secs. were Fr Walter Kennedy and Desmond Byrne. Gerry Cullen was hon. treasurer. Tom Lynch was followed in turn by Paddy Fearon, Fred Cogley, Paddy Funge, Des White and Matt Gilsenan.

St Mary's Union and Rugby Club lost a valued past president and the college a valued friend and past student when Lorcan C. Gogan died in 1980. His association with the College extended from his schooldays in 1909-1916, of which he always cherished the fondest memories, right through his entire life to the day of his death. He was hon. sec. of the union for some years and President in 1962-63. For two successive terms he was president of the rugby club, 1965-67, of which he was made an honorary life member. He had excelled at rugby, cricket and golf and was captain of Milltown GC. He was a founder member of the Irish Air Corps in which he served for seven years, under fellow past student, Col. Charles Russell.



Paddy Fearon making a presentation to Fr. Walter Kennedy in 1978 marking his 25 years as Union Secretary watched by Fr. William Nugent.

Annual Mass

The Annual Mass for deceased members of the school and union saw the largest attendance for some years and for the rest of the period and to the present day remains one of the focal points of the union's activities, particularly since whole families began to attend and not just the actual past students, making it the family affair it should be.

Annual Dinner

The 1975-76 Annual Dinner took place on November 21 and 155 members were there. This was the first time for many years that the dinner was held in the college. While some shortcomings were noted, it was felt by the majority to have been a successful experiment well worth repeating, the college being seen as the most fitting place for such a function. 140 attended the 1976-77 Dinner also held in the college in November 1976 which marked the Golden Jubilee of the Union. The 1977-78 Dinner, held in the college attracted only 134. The presentation of a cut-glass decanter was made at this Dinner to Fr Jim Hurley to mark the years he spent in St Mary's as president and dean of studies. The numbers were much the same in 1978-79, but there was a considerable improvement in 1979-80 when 169 came. However the numbers dropped off again in 1980-81 to about 130 including 18 juniors and about 18 guests.

Union Day

Union Day was marred in 1975-76 by rain, only the soccer was possible, much to the relief of Fr Barry as the Past are more apt to leave their mark on the crease than on the scoreboard. The weather made amends the following year, as befitted a Golden Jubilee Year. Basketball and tennis had to be abandoned for lack of support but cricket and soccer went ahead. Johnny Bowden and family provided the refreshments as ever. In 1976-77 250 Teas were served, which made a run on cups, so it was decided to use paper cups in future. It was estimated that 350 attended Union Day in 1977-78, with tennis, basketball, soccer and cricket all well supported. However, Union Day had to be abandoned in 1978-79 because of the weather, and it very nearly had to suffer the same fate in 1979-80 and consequently was poorly attended. The new decade 1980-81 began more hopefully with a fine day, good and enthusiastic players, especially in an American Tennis Tournament.

The Golfing Society

The Golfing Society had their 1975-76 outing at Milltown in which 42 took part, Frank Nagle winning the President's Prize to the delight of all as Frank had been the golfing secretary for many years.

66 took part in the 1976-77 outing, to Milltown as usual. The winner of the president's prize was Brian O'Meara, who also won the cup. A second outing was held in the Grange for the captain's prize, won by Frank Murphy. 76 teed off in 1977-78, Peter Thornton winning the president's prize. The second outing, at the Grange, had 82 players and Martin Murray won the captain's prize. The pattern was repeated in 1978-79 and 1979-80, but 1980-81 saw a jump in the numbers playing, 91, with Fred Cogley walking off with the cup and president's prize. At the second outing, the Grange GC captain, Dermot O'Donovan, won the society captain's (D. O'Sullivan) prize. Royal Dublin was the venue for the combined unions outing but was not well attended.

Scouting

Past students continued to be involved in the leadership of scouting in the college. During the year, Peter Best was awarded the Bronze Medal of Honour by the Association in



The President of Ireland, Dr. Patrick Hillery, at the Golf Outing of the PPU at the Grange, 1980 with David O'Sullivan, Capt. of Golfing Society, and Des White, President PPU.

recognition of his service to the Unit and scouting in general. The activities of the Scout Unit under the leadership of the past pupils are chronicled in their own section.

Marian Boys' Club

Total income of over £900, including £100 from the Golden Guinea Club, made 1975-76 a very successful financial year for the club, which cost more than £10 a week to run. 15 St Mary's students, with friends from neighbouring girls schools, completed a successful 24-hour Fast at St Stephen's Green, while two dances organised by the students realised a healthy sum. The club was open three nights a week and catered for about 60 young boys from the Gardiner St inner city area. Only about six past pupils were involved and more were needed. Una Mangan, lifelong friend and supporter of all things Mary's, guided the Ladies Committee which organised cake sales and a musical evening, which brought in over £800 in 1976-77. The college 24-hour Fast brought over £1,000, Gold Guinea Club, £100 and Tombola at the Dance, £50. 1977-78 saw a decline in the numbers attending the club on a regular basis because of a proliferation of youth clubs in the area. Eight of the ten Leaders in the club were past pupils and the management committee was seriously thinking of alternative uses for the premises in view of the number of these clubs about. The youth clubs in the immediate neighbourhood were contacted and the committee decided to amalgamate with one or other in order to make the best use of the premises. As a result, the premises began to be used five nights a week as a community centre. For seven years Fr Hurley acted as chaplain to the club and in 1977 his place was taken by Fr Nugent, the college president. The students collected £600 in their 24-hour Fast. The club continued to function as a community centre with the minimal input from the union for the rest of this period.

Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance was held in Killiney Court in 1975-76. The Tombola organised by Mrs Sheila Lynch and the Ladies Committee realised £55 for the Boys Club. A record 218 people turned up at the same venue in 1976-77. Mrs Joan Hughes and her committee ran the Tombola. 198 attended the Dinner Dance in Killiney in 1977-78, the Union President's wife, Mrs Brenda Fearon, and committee again looking after the Tombola in aid of the Boys Club. A postal strike created difficulties in 1978-79 and the Dinner Dance was held in the Gresham with about 120 guests. There was a return to Killiney Court the next year when 140 attended. It was decided to move to the Braemor Rooms for the 1980-81 Dance and the format was changed somewhat to allow for a cabaret with the dancing. A Monster Raffle was organised by Mrs Eithne White and her committee with a first prize of a six-day holiday in Brittany.

Career Guidance

A new venture organised by a small committee of past Presidents of the union, working with Professor Lynch, Fr James Hurley, college principal, Fr Walter Kennedy, college vice-president and Mr Kevin Lewis, career guidance teacher, was the provision of lectures to the senior classes in the school as a help to them in their choice of future employment. Over 23 topics were covered in the first year by experts in various walks of life including religious vocations, the professions, the skilled trades, business management and journalism to public service and banking. Judging by the interest shown and the high standard of questioning elicited, the talks were an unqualified success. They have since become as much a part of the school curriculum as any academic subject and continue to be provided by the Union. In 1976-77 an innovation was the provision of interviews for all members of the 6th Year to give them experience in undergoing an interview with a prospective employer. Both in their preparation for these interviews and from what they personally learned from them, the boys were given an opportunity of testing themselves in an interview situation, which could only be of value afterwards. As many as 22 such "mock interviews" were held every year between October and March. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the union was flattered by a request from Rockwell and Castleknock colleges for details of the St Mary's Careers Guidance Project.

ST MARY'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB

1975-76 was marked by an increase in membership, young members filling the vacancies left by those retiring from active tennis. The Men's Team won four of their five matches in the Winter League. On the social side, there were theatre evenings, socials and outings to Brittas Bay and the annual barbeque. A £10 levy on all members went a long way in carrying out necessary repairs. A friendly and informal spirit pervades the club and in spite of the small numbers of past pupils involved, the spirit is truly the traditional St Mary's spirit.

There was quite a hiatus between the report of the 1975-76 season in the College Annual and the next one which appeared in 1980. So much so, in fact, that the writer felt constrained to give a short history of the club and its grounds in Belmost Avenue, which have been in use for tennis since 1908 (as Percy Lawn Tennis Club) to assure readers of the Annual that the club existed. During the 1970s the Club did well in competition, particularly the women's teams which won outright four winter Leagues and three Class II summer Leagues. But as the new decade opened the club set about ungrading the facilities. Four 'tennisquik' all-weather courts of championship standard were installed in 1980-81. Many unforeseen difficulties, including an unknown underground stream, had to be overcome, but they were ready for use in May 1981. Another difficulty was in obtaining planning permission for a new entrance to the club's premises. There were objections from some local residents but these were resolved and the new entrance was put in. The club house was also refurbished and a new heating and shower system installed, and then it was decided to put in floodlights to extend the playing time during the winter evenings.

Nigel Bennett, one of the small number of past pupils involved in the club, led a tour to Westphalia, West Germany, that was a conspicuous success and left the members involved hungry for more. The first overseas trip undertaken by the club had been in 1966. In 1980 they were the guests of Grun-Weiss Tennis club, Schloss Holte, Stukenbrock, West Germany. This was in return for the very enjoyable visit of the German club to St Mary's LTC in 1968. A party of 20 departed from Rosslare September 1979. The visit commenced with an invitation to the club 'At Home'. Matches were organised with neighbouring clubs and visits to scenic areas and night spots. It was a most enjoyable holiday. The ties

with St Mary's were strengthened by the college playing some of its 'home' matches at Belmont Avenue. By 1980-81 the membership of the Club included 100 men, 140 women and 90 juniors.

ST MARY'S RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The highlight of the 1975-76 season was the opening of the new clubhouse at Templeville, one of the finest in the country and a monument to the foresight and perseverance of the Alternative Grounds Committee of Matt Gilsenan, Benny Lynch and Bill Gray, with the support of Brian Whelan, Paddy Bolger and the successive chairmen of the Finance Committee of the club, who put in an enormous amount of their time in bringing the project from Tony Hickie's drawing board to reality. There was great difficulty early in the season while the clubhouse was under construction and great gratitude was expressed to the President of Templeogue College for permitting the club to use the college's changing-room facilities for more than half the season, and to St Mary's College for providing rooms for meetings etc. It was almost inevitable that in all the coming and going off the field, that the rugby itself would suffer somewhat and the only trophy won was the O'Connor Cup. The team was captained by Frank O'Rourke and coached by Des White. On the representative level, Tom Grace was honoured by the captaincy of Ireland and of the Irish Touring party to New Zealand which was so successful. He was joined on the tour by Tom Feighery. Two St Mary's referees, Denis Nagle and Paddy Farrell were awarded with Junior Interprovincial matches and Paddy also refereed the Schools Junior Cup Final. Joe Fanagan finished his stint as a member of the Irish 'Five' by taking the chair



*Bishop Whelan chatting with old friends after the Blessing of the new Club Pavilion, 1976.
Fr W. Kennedy (partly hidden), Benny Lynch, Matt Gilsenan, J. Finucane, Mick Glynn,
Lorcan Gogan, Fr. W. Nugent.*

for his final year. An indication of the depth of the playing strength in the club was the fact that 192 players got a competitive game during the season.

With the trauma of being houseless for most of the previous season over them, the members set about getting the clubhouse and grounds in order for the first full season in their new home. A Special General Meeting was held in August 1976 and a new set of Club Rules drawn up and adopted. The Senior and Junior 5 teams went on a short tour of Devon in September and both won all their matches. Then on September 19 the new clubhouse was officially opened by Mr Dudley Higgins, President of the IRFU, and to mark the occasion an Irish XV, captained by Willie John McBride, challenged the St Mary's Senior XV in front of over 5,000 well-wishers. The task of organising this great crowd was done by 150 members under the direction of Colm Bevan, Chairman of the Organising Committee, assisted by the college scout unit and a Ladies Committee. It was a triumph for Colm Bevan who had claimed to a sceptical membership that the event could be run at a profit, and he was proved correct. The railings round the senior pitch was paid for out of the proceeds of that day.

That auspicious opening was but the first of many triumphs that 1975-76 season. The U-21 team, captained by Derek Early, and coached by Louis McMullan won the inaugural Des Merry Cup for that age group. The U-19s were unlucky in going down to a very good UCD team in the McCorry Cup, but their true worth was shown when the Leinster Selectors chose four of them, Charlie Barry, Jody Greene, Donal Coughlan and Eugene Kavanagh for the Leinster U-19s. At Junior 1 Rodney O'Donnell and Declan Howard were chosen for the Leinster Junior Interpro. At senior level, Tom Grace captained the Leinster Interpro team which also contained Tom Feighery and Frank Kennedy, while Ciaran Fitzgerald and Michael Glynn gained Connaught caps. Tom Feighery retained his place on the Ireland 'B' team before going on to gain two full Irish caps. Tom Grace led Ireland in the off-season tour of New Zealand and then went on to captain Ireland for all the home Internationals where his inspirational leadership both on and off the field made him a tremendous ambassador for the club.

The New Year brought old friends together when His Lordship, Bishop Joseph B. Whelan, the captain of the revived St Mary's RFC in 1934, celebrated Mass in the new clubhouse and blessed the grounds and pavilion in the presence of members and their families and friends. Willo Murray co-ordinated coaching and as a result of the accent on coaching, every team that had the benefit of coaching reached at least the semi-final stage of a competition in their grade, while J 7 and J 8 teams reached the finals of their unofficial competitions. In the Leagues, Seniors, J1 J2, and J4 won their sections, while the J3 lost to the winners, Seapoint, by just one point, 9-10. The Senior XV team showed the need for new blood when losing in the first round of the Cup to Skerries. That new blood seemed readily available in the J1 team which, under Dave O'Brien, reached the J1 League final for the first time since 1948, losing out to Blackrock who brought off the League and Cup double. J2s were beaten in the semi-final of the League in extra time and then went out of the Cup only after extra time at the quarter-final stage. The J3 had the best playing record in the Club but were least successful in terms of awards. They played 22 games winning 19, losing 2 and drawing 1, scoring 477 points to 144. They lost just one League match and that, 9-10, and a replayed cup match only after extra time when they were down to 14 men. The J4, captained by Frank O'Rourke and coached by George Hook, were beaten in the quarter-final of the Winters' Cup but went on to win the J4 League Cup in its inaugural year, thus following on in a now traditional practice of winning competitions in their inaugural years.

Paul McNerney's J6, coached by Paddy Jennings, took the Tom Fox Cup, another first for St Mary's. The J7 under captain John Boyle and coach Louis McMullan, made it to the final of the Greenlea Cup, as did the J8 under Paul Dixon and Gary Rafter in



*St. Mary's RFC,
First XV. Winners of
Leinster Senior League and
Blackrock Festival, 1978.*

*Back: V. McGovern
(Manager), S. Deering,
J. B. Sweeney, T. Grace,
M. Glynn, D. Fanning,
D. Hickie, A. Hickie, S. Lynch,
N. Kenny (Coach).
Front: F. Kennedy,
A. Andreucetti, D. Deering,
T. W. Brooder (President),
J. Moloney (Captain),
A. Byrne, C. Fitzgerald,
G. Browne.
Seated: T. Kennedy,
R. O'Donnell.*

*Senior Sevens. Winners of
Blake Sevens,
Old Belvedere Sevens,
Omagh Sevens, 1978.*

*Back: F. Kennedy,
S. Deering, C. Fitzgerald,
D. Earley, D. Deering.
Front: P. Andreucetti,
D. Fanning, J. Moloney
(Captain), T. W. Brooder
(President),
T. Kennedy, D. Howard.*



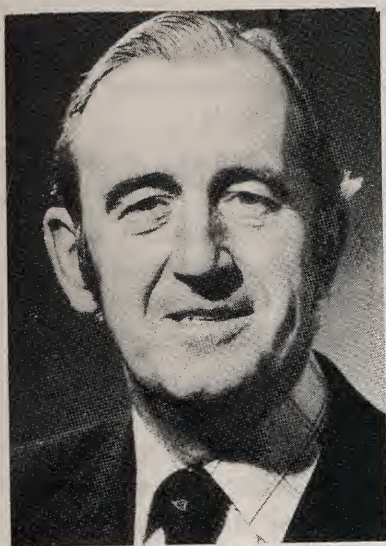
*St. Mary's Junior 1 XV.
Winners of Junior League
and Metropolitan Cup,
1978.*

*Back: S. Jennings
(Manager), G. Ebbs,
F. O'Dea, P. O'Reilly,
T. Young, D. O'Brien,
E. Kavanagh, D. Deering,
T. McGovern, D. Jennings.
D. Nagle (Coach)
Front: J. Lynch,
D. O'Connor,
D. Hooper, C. Sweeney
(Captain), T. W. Brooder
(President), E. Early,
L. Grissing, D. Howard.
Seated: J. Greene,
L. Naughton.*

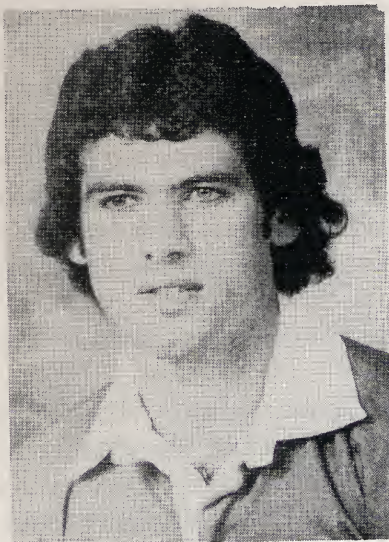
the unofficial Guilfoyle Cup. However, pride of place must go to J5 who retained the O'Connor Cup, won for the first time the previous year. Diarmuid White coached an almost completely different team this time, with Brendan Spring as captain. And finally, Rory O'Connor coached a dedicated band of 'Sevens' specialists to victory in the North Kildare and Skerries Sevens Cups.

If the hardware won is the real measure of a club, then 1976-77 must be the best year St Mary's ever had. No fewer than 10 cups were won: The Castle Trophy; Leinster Senior League; Old Belvedere International Sevens; Galwegians-Blake Sevens; Omagh Academicals Sevens; Leinster Junior League; the Metropolitan Cup; the Winters Cup; Greenlea Cup and Guilfoyle Cup. But this remarkable year began in even more remarkable fashion by a Russian Tour at the invitation of the Russian Rugby Federation. Every member of the party paid, in true capitalist fashion, his own way, from the president, Tim Brooder, to tour manager, Nicky Corrigan, to captain, Johnny Moloney, but several parties were held to help them on their way. Two games were played against the USSR Senior and Junior Selected XVs and both were won, 32-20 and 20-3. A third game had to be cancelled because of injuries to too many key players.

The trophies won have already been enumerated. The early exit of the U-19s from the McCorry Cup in atrocious weather released a flow of about 40 players to other grades. J4 were finalists in their League, as were J2 in the Minor Cup and J5 in the O'Connor Cup. The J1 were probably the most successful team when they brought off the Junior League and Metropolitan Cup double for the first time in the Club's history. These team successes at various levels were reflected in the number of players chosen for representative honours. Johnny Moloney took over the captaincy of both Leinster and Ireland from team-mate, Tom Grace, who kept his place on the Interprovincial and International teams. Ciaran Fitzgerald captained Ireland 'B' and Connaught, and was a sub on the senior Irish side. Ciaran Smyth was capped as out-half for Connaught. Charlie Barry and Donal Coughlan got Leinster U-19 caps, while Rodney O'Donnell, Eugene Kavanagh and Declan Howard were Junior Interpros for Leinster. No small credit for these successes on the field was due to the Match Committee under Tim Harrington, which managed to field ten teams every weekend and provide coaching at every level. Paddy Bolger succeeded Joe Fanagan as the club's representative on the Leinster Branch and Gerry Boyd was the Branch hon. treasurer and Branch representative on the IRFU. Tommy Kearns (Leinster Senior Cup final), Paddy Farrell, Mervyn Johnson, Denis Nagle, served with distinction with the Referees Association, while Dick Whitty and Denis Hooper were also active in this side of



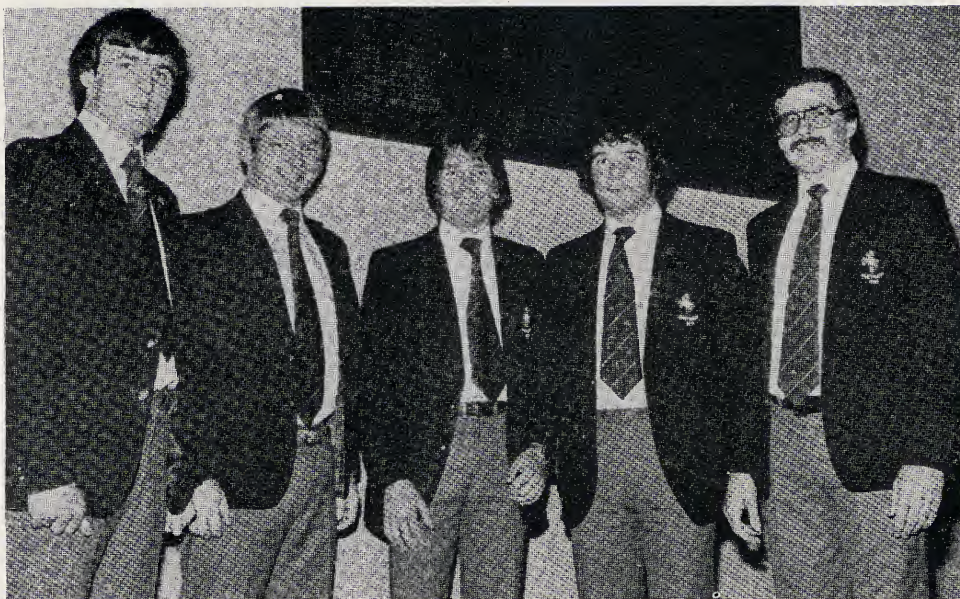
Patrick J. Bolger



Tony Ward



Benny Lynch



*Ireland
Tour of Australia, 1979*

*Johnny Moloney,
Ciaran Fitzgerald,
Terry Kennedy,
Rodney O'Donnell,
Paul Andreucetti.*

the game. The club management committee under Bill Fagan did their usual Augean-stable heroics in running the club on a day to day basis. The Ladies Committee, Gerry Ebbs (the one-man-band dance organiser) and the bar committee of Tony Murray, Henry Roche, Frank Montague and Frank Reddy, deserve great praise for their selfless efforts in keeping things running smoothly.

Russia one year, California next. You didn't need to join the navy to see the world. St Mary's RFC would do. The 1978-79 season began auspiciously enough with a good run in the Bridgend Sevens, to which the club had been invited at the end of the previous season after winning the Old Belvedere Sevens. They were beaten only by the eventual winners. This was followed by the Castle Trophy which they were defending. Here in spite of winning all the matches in their section, they lost out because of fewer tries, a circumstance repeated in the Leinster Senior League. A semi-final loss to Blackrock put them out of the Cup.

J2 reached the finals of both League and Cup but lost out in both. J3 carved their own niche the club's history by doing the Moran Cup and J3 League double for the first time. It was the first Moran Cup win since 1950. Their playing record was:

Played 26, won 23, Lost 3, 697 pts for, 156 against.

The team was captained by Niall Woodcock, managed by John Carvill and coached by Pat Moran. For the record, it was Paul Dean's first season in club football.

The J4 reached the semi-final of their League, but the J5 won the O'Connor Cup for the third time in four years, beating Bective Rangers. Brian Swift was captain, Tom Browne the Manager and Michael Hogan the coach. J7, under Joe Gallagher, retained the Greenlea Cup, and the J8 retained the Guilfoyle Cup, which they had shared the previous year with the J7s. Successes continued in the Sevens. St Mary's won the Old Belvedere, the Galwegians and the North Kildare Sevens, reaching the final in the CYMS and in the Gala International in Los Angeles.

This high standard of play at all levels had to be reflected in representative honours. Shay Deering created history by being the third St Mary's man in succession to captain the Irish XV, following Tom Grace and Johnny Moloney. Terry Kennedy was capped for Ireland and Leinster for the first time, while Johnny Moloney captained Leinster and was a sub for Ireland. During his short stay with the club, Tony Ward was capped for Ireland. Finally, at

the end of the season when the squad to tour Australia was announced, Paul Andreucetti, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Terry Kennedy, Johnny Moloney and Rodney O'Donnell were listed. It was a tremendous honour for the club to have so many on a touring party, and for the college to have provided five, including Tony Ward, who had changed his allegiance to Garryowen since going to live in Limerick. And, not only were they in the party, they contributed greatly to the squad's resounding success both on and off the field.

Paddy Bolger became President of the IRFU Leinster Branch in this its Centenary Year. An innovation was the setting up of a Rugby Council comprising Tim Harrington, Vinnie McGovern and Steven Tracey to oversee all playing affairs. Gerry Ebbs and his dedicated band of stewards continued to be the financial mainstay of the club through the weekly dances.

In the last days of April 1979 the club lost one of its most dedicated, loyal and hard-working members, who embodied in his person the living tradition that is St Mary's. This was Benny Lynch, who died after a protracted illness, borne with all the fortitude, calm and simplicity that was characteristic of the man. An outstanding player as a schoolboy, he figured in that memorable team that almost wrested the Leinster Cup from Blackrock in the final of 1943. His running and tackling, in partnership with Alec Hughes in the centre, was a feature of the game. He well deserved the interprovincial honours that came to him. After school he was a leading light in the club as a player and as an official. Even when his engineering career took him to London, where he played for London Irish, he retained his connections and when St Mary's went on tour to Manchester in 48-49 he travelled from London to join them. On returning to Dublin, Benny took up once more his active participation in the affairs of the college, the union, the rugby club and Milltown GC where he was an outstanding exponent and, as ever, a keen competitor. For a long time he was Treasurer of the RFC and closely involved in the transfer of the club from Fortfield to Templeville, and in the mammoth task of transforming a meadow into top class football pitches. The club itself, as it stands today, is a monument to his work and devotion.

1979-80 opened with a short but successful tour of Jersey by the J7 and J8 teams. At Easter it was the turn of J2, who toured Holland. In representative games, Paul Dean and Declan Fanning gained their first Interpro caps for Leinster, while Johnny Moloney, Terry Kennedy, Paul Andreucetti and Rodney O'Donnell added to theirs. Ciaran Fitzgerald and Hugh Maguire played for Connaught. Andreucetti, Dean, Kennedy and Moloney also toured Romania with the Leinster XV. It was a brilliant season for the Province, winning all but one of its matches and the four St Mary's regulars can take some credit for that. Amid great controversy the British and Irish Lions went on tour to South Africa and Rodney O'Donnell was included. Most unfortunately, he received a very serious back injury which ended his playing career just when it was beginning to blossom, and nearly left him paralysed for life. But it was indicative of the young man's will to get better that before anyone thought he would ever be mobile again, he was back in the club, not just as a passive spectator, but actively engaged in coaching, team management, team selection and any other job that needed doing. At U-19 Andy Whelan was selected for the Leinster team that toured Italy with such success with George Hook as coach. On October 31, St Mary's had the honour of hosting the Centenary Dinner of the Leinster Branch, whose President was Paddy Bolger.

The senior team had a successful year, winning the League by beating Greystones in the final after beating Lansdowne in the semi. In the Cup Lansdowne reversed this with some long-distance goal kicking. The J1 under Liam Naughton reached the final of the Junior League. J2 made amends for losing the finals of League and Cup the year before by bringing off the double this year, under Ray Sloan, coached by Brian Wynne and managed by Bill Gray, with the enviable record of 24 played, 23 won, 1 lost, scoring over four tries a game. J3, under Niall Woodcock, fell at the last hurdle in the cup and the semi in the

League. J4 with David Mooney reached the final of the Cup, beaten by a try in the last minute of injury time. Brendan Spring led the J5 team to the final too while Greg Maher led the J7s to the semi-finals of the Greenlea Cup where they were beaten only in extra time. The J8 retained the Guilfoyle Cup under Paul Dixon. The North Kildare Sevens was won by Dave O'Brien's side. Louis McMullan, Dave Fair and John Pine ran a very successful Sevens confined to the Club.

The 1980-81 season opened brightly with a convincing win in the Castle Trophy. Unfortunately the momentum was not maintained. At Easter an U-21 party under Eamonn Mullan took part in a London-Irish Festival in London, doing well without actually winning. Trophies were thin on the sideboard this year. Apart from the Castle Trophy won by the 1st XV, the only others were the O'Connell Cup won by the J2 team that just narrowly failed to bring off the elusive League and Cup double by falling to Lansdowne in the League final, and the Galwegians Sevens, which had by now become something of a St Mary's preserve.

The Secretary's Report for 1980-81 closes with an expression of thanks to Fr Noel Redmond and the community of Templeogue College for their contribution to the club by directing their past pupils to the club on leaving school and in making pitches and other facilities available whenever requested. The closest ties have been maintained between the college and club from the day the club acquired the land adjoining the college, and past pupils of Templeogue continue to this day to make a most valuable contribution to the club's playing strength and general support.

Representative honours went to Hugh Maguire, Michael Quaid, Jack Mannion and Ciaran Fitzgerald from Connaught; to Terry Kennedy, Paul Andreucetti, Declan Howard and Paul Dean from Leinster. Ciaran and Terry wore the Irish jersey against Romania. Paul Dean and Hugh McGuire gained Ireland 'B' caps against England. Andy Whelan was honoured by the Leinster Youths.

Gerry Boyd retired after ten years as hon. treasurer of the Leinster Branch, to be replaced by Paddy Bolger. Vinnie McGovern was elected as sub-selector for the coming year. In the club administration, Bill Fagan continued the arduous task of heading the Management Committee.

VOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
Dermot Sullivan	(1954-64)	1978	White Fathers. Uganda
Donal Davis	(1967-73)	1980	Cistercians Mount Mellaray
Brendan Largey	(1972-78)	—	OFM. Professed '84. +86

Fr Brendan Largey

Brendan Largey left St Mary's after the Leaving Cert in 1978 and after working for a number of years he fulfilled his dearest wish and entered the Franciscan Order in 1983. At the end of the novitiate in Killarney, he was professed as a member of the Friars Minor and sent to Galway to attend the university, where, in spite of his appetite for hard work, he found the going difficult after the five-year break from study. But he buckled down to it characteristically and mastered it. In 1985, with a number of confreres he travelled by minibus to Assisi, to see at first hand the birthplace of the Founder of the Order, St Francis, and to Rome where they had the honour of an audience with the Pope. A year later he did well in his examinations and went to the Franciscan House in Rossnowlagh for the summer, returning to Galway, where his mother, sister and god-mother took him to Knock on a day-visit. It was a beautiful memory for his family to have, because that very night he had a heart-attack and died shortly after.

Chapter Nineteen

1981-1990



President
Very Rev Hugh O'Reilly

REVEREND FATHERS

Francis C. Barry – Vice-President (1979-82)
Jerome Godfrey – Principal (1977-89) – Vice-President (1982-89)
Michael Smithwick – Bursar (1977-88)
Stephen Maher – Gamesmaster (1981-90)
Edmund Burke – Professor (1961-83+)
Cyril Byrne – Professor (1962-)
Edward Darcy – Professor (1979-84)
Anthony Geoghegan – Professor (1981-82)
Patrick Liddane – Professor (1980-85)
Sean O'Shaughnessy – Professor (1981-86) – Principal, Junior School (1986-)
Peter Quinn – Professor (1981-82)
Peter Raftery – Professor (1980-)
Richard Olin – Chaplain (1984-85)
Liam O'Sullivan – Chaplain (1985-86)
Richard Lehane – Professor (1986-)
Vincent Browne – Bursar (1987-)
Aloysius Flood – Chaplain (1989-)
John Flavin – Professor (1990-)

COMMUNITY

Francis Barry – Retired (1982-84)
Daniel F. Curtin – Retired (1986-)
Edward Darcy – Retired (1984-)
Patrick Murray – Retired (1972-84+)
Martin Maiben – Retired (1980-)
Walter Kennedy – Retired (1979-85?)
Desmond Kenny – Community (1982-85)
William Maher – Community (1986-)

LAY PROFESSORS

Francis Conlon – Professor (1972-89) – Principal (1989-)
 Pól Uasal Mac Murchú – Vice-Principal (1972-)

Mrs F. Bane – Professor (1979-)	Sean McCarthy – Professor (1966-)
P. Barrett – Professor (1986-87)	P. McCluskey – Professor (1986-)
Ms J. Barry – Professor (1981-82)	Mrs P. J. McGee – Professor (1986-)
Ms D. Boylan – Professor (1987-)	Michael McGarry – Professor (1985-)
Ciaran Brannigan – Professor (1971-)	P. Mackey – Professor (1982-83)
Michael Brennan – Professor (1980-89)	L. McNutt – Professor (1981-82)
G. Calvey – Professor (1984-87)	R. Murphy – Professor (1984-85)
J. Crowley – Professor (1972-85)	Liam Naughton – Professor (1974-)
Ms P. Crowley – Professor (1980-85)	Terence Newell – Professor (1971-)
B. Delaney – Professor (1987-88)	R. O'Connor – Professor (1981-82)
Kevin Donnelly – Professor (1982-)	P. O'Farrachtain – Professor (1984-85)
Noel Doyle – Professor (1964-)	Mrs M. O'Donnell – Professor (1981-)
L. Duggan – Professor (1987-88)	Fred O'Gorman – Professor (1988-)
Daniel Dunne – Professor (1981-)	Ms M. O'Sullivan – Professor (1981-)
J. Gillespie – Professor (1972-)	Ms Nuala O'Sullivan – Professor (1979-82)
Patrick Henry – Professor (1964-83)	Ms C. Parr – Professor (1986-89)
T. Hogan – Professor (1982-83)	Peter Quinn – Professor (1965-)
Richard Hughes – Professor (1979-)	Ms C. Rochford – Professor (1984-87)
J. Kent – Professor (1986-87)	Ms G. Rossiter – Professor (1986-87)
James Kirby – Professor (1978-)	Cathal Sweeney – Professor (1981-)
I. Lee – Professor (1979-84)	Ms P. Tyrrell – Professor (1984-)
Jeremiah Lehane – Asst. Bursar (1981-85)	Mrs Una Wall – Professor (1977-)
M. Leacy – Professor (1984-85)	S. Ward – Professor (1985-86)
P. Lenehan – Professor (1985-86)	Mrs T White – Professor (1979-)
Michael Leonard – Professor (1972-)	Mrs Isobel Cotter – Senior School Secretary
Kevin Lewis – Professor (1971-)	Mrs Betty Ryan – Junior School Secretary
Ms Elizabeth McCallig – Professor (1976-)	

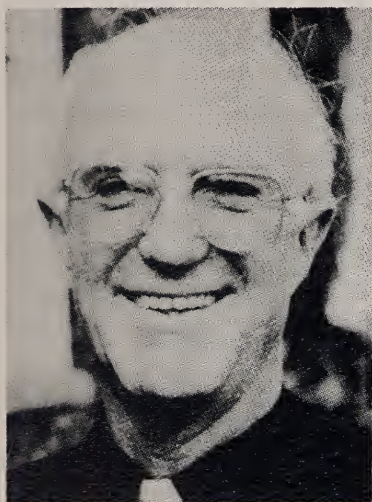
Ms Maura Cranny (O'Donnell) – Speech, Drama (1944-90)
 Ms Maureen Valentine – Music, Singing (1972-)
 Ms G. Gormley – Music, Singing (1984-85)
 Sr M. de Lourdes – Music, Singing (1986-)
 Oliver Dunne – Physical Education (1961-)
 Ms U. O'Sullivan – Physical Education (1980-)

Hugh O'Reilly, CSSp.

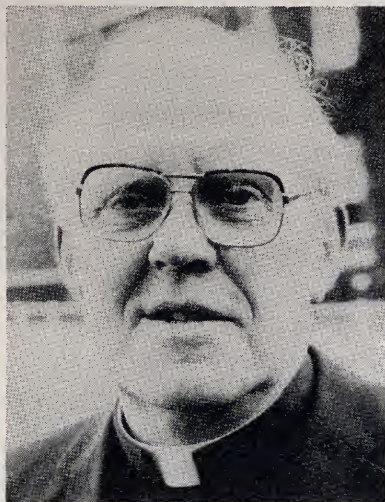
THE NEW PRESIDENT of St Mary's in September 1981 was Very Rev Hugh O'Reilly, the first past pupil to have the honour. Born in county Cavan, Fr O'Reilly, attended St Patrick's College, Armagh, until his family moved to Dublin on the death of his father. He then came to St Mary's where he crowned his secondary studies by becoming the recipient of the Union Gold Medal for General Excellence in his final year. On leaving school he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and studied history and philosophy in UCD where he graduated in 1953. He was a prefect in Blackrock College for two years before continuing his studies in Kimmage Manor where he was ordained in 1958. His first appointment after ordination was to the missions in East Africa. He spent seven years in Kenya, mainly in teacher-training. He returned to Europe in 1967 to pursue a course of study in catechetics in London. He then returned to Kenya where he was engaged mainly in administration as secretary to Archbishop McCarthy of Nairobi. After three more years in Kenya he returned to Ireland in 1971 to join the staff of Blackrock College where he continued his studies, taking the Higher Diploma in Education and a Diploma in Career Guidance. He then spent a year on the staff of St Felim's College, Ballinamore, county Leitrim, as chaplain, until his transfer to Templeogue College as college chaplain. He was transferred to St Mary's in 1980.



The end of the scholastic year, 1980-81, saw a major break with the past when Fr Francis Barry officially retired from teaching after 39 years service on the staff of St Mary's as Prefect (1938-40) and as a Priest (1944-81). Fortunately, this official retirement meant merely a diminution in the number of classes he continued to teach and did not diminish his active participation in cricket and drama, the two non-academic fields of activity most associated with him down through the years. On April 14, 1982, one of the largest gatherings of past pupils ever assembled in the college paid tribute to him. After Mass in the college chapel, four past students spoke about him under the headings of Cricket Coach (Fred Cogley), Drama Producer (Paddy Funge), Rugby Trainer (Shay Deering) and French Master (Michael Burns). The Union President, Matt Gilsenan, summed up the sentiments of all when he said: "We would like to pay tribute to your life of giving, of service and dedication to all of us and to thank you from our hearts for what you have given us of yourself over the years."



James McNulty, CSSp.



Jerome Godfrey, CSSp.



Francis Barry, CSSp.

On June 25, 1983, on the very day of the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, Fr Edmund Burke died at the age of 79. He had come to St Mary's in 1961 after a distinguished career as a missionary in Nigeria and in indifferent health but he remained on the staff of the junior school for twenty years until his retirement in 1981. His first appointment as a priest was to Nigeria where he was to spend the next thirty years of his life. In 1936 he was appointed to the mission of Eke, which became a household name in St Mary's from the numerous fascinating tales told by Fr Burke of those early days. Poor health forced his return to Ireland and for over twenty years he was in St Mary's, teaching in the junior school and preparing the Confirmation class year after year. He was interested in everything that went on in the school, walking up to Kenilworth on Wednesdays and Saturdays, rain or shine, even in his late 70s, to watch the boys at play. In everything he did he showed he cared.

On Holy Thursday, April 17, 1984, Fr Patrick Murray died, having spent all but six of his 44 years as a priest in St Mary's.

In 1985 Mr Arthur Barrett who came to St Mary's shortly after it re-opened in 1926 died quietly, thus severing another important link with the past. His contribution to the school has already been reviewed.

Mr Patrick Henry, whose career was sketched in the last chapter, did not live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement. He died in 1987.

Another death at this time was that of Mr Jerome Lehané, a brother of Fr Dick Lehané. Mr Lehané worked for ten years as assistant in the Bursar's office after he retired from a lifetime in banking and often described them as the happiest ten years of his life. He was of inestimable assistance to a succession of Bursars, who relied heavily on his experience and he made many friends among the staff. A daily Mass-goer, his was an exemplary life which he crowned with the resignation he showed during his last and painful illness.

1987 also brought news of the death in December 1986 by accident of a former Dean of Discipline, Fr Tommy O'Sullivan, in Kenya, East Africa. Fr Tommy was a popular and efficient dean from 1938 to 1940. He spent the rest of his dynamic life in Kenya, East Africa where he was engaged mostly in education until, on retiring, he was attached to the Apostolic Delegation, obtaining his flying licence in order to carry out his duties more efficiently in that widespread territory.

In the last chapter mention was made of Fr David Darcy in connection with the scouts and the farewell reception given to him in 1979 on the occasion of his departure for the missions in Brazil after fifteen years as chaplain to the scouts. His sojourn on the missions was not to be a long one. While home on leave in 1988 he had the happiness of celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination with his family. Shortly after that he had to enter hospital for treatment for the cancer that had been diagnosed and his condition speedily deteriorated. He made the pilgrimage to Lourdes where he received the grace of peace and resignation. Two days after his return he died peacefully on October 5, 1988, surrounded by his family and confrères.

David was born in 1934 in Greystones and went to school in Blackrock College. He joined the Holy Ghost Fathers on leaving school. After UCD he went to Rome to continue his studies and he was ordained in 1963. His first appointment was to St Mary's and he threw himself into the work with a zeal that was to characterise all his activity. He gave himself untiringly to the service of the students, whether it was in the classroom, in the organisation of games, training of teams, and in particular the scouts, establishing a rapport with the boys they would recall with pleasure long afterwards. He was Dean of Studies for a number of years and was acting President during the lengthy illness of the Superior of the time. It was typical of the man that when he left St Mary's and might have legitimately taken a long rest before launching himself into his new career on the missions, he chose instead to attend a course in pastoral theology the better to prepare himself for this new venture. He was simply a great servant of God.



Maura Cranny-O'Donnell



Francis Conlon

Finally, the ending of the Centenary Year brought with it the resignation of Ms Maura Cranny (Mrs O'Donnell), who had, for the best part of 45 years, taught elocution to the junior school and the lower classes in the senior school, and had been the mainstay and the guiding light of most of the cultural activities in which the college had been engaged over the years. Her influence over the way the boys of St Mary's could speak and comport themselves in public, in debate or drama, is incalculable. Before the school closed for the summer holidays in June 1990, a presentation was made to her on behalf of the junior school in recognition of her unstinting services down the years.

RADICAL CHANGES

The '80s proved to be one of the most momentous eras in the history of the school, mainly because it ushered in changes which were to have far-reaching effect. These involved a radical change in the way in which the school was to be governed in the future. Ever since the Second Vatican Council in 1961-65, a falling off of vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life had been experienced all over the world, with the exception of some areas of the Third World. Coupled with a considerable leakage of both religious and clerics who found themselves unable to continue the commitments they had made at their profession or ordination, this led to grave shortages of personnel in the schools run by priests and religious, leading in turn to the closure of some schools and to the handing over of others to entirely lay staffs. The Holy Ghost Fathers were no exception to this dearth of vocations, nor, indeed, to that same leakage among its members. They may have suffered less than many other congregations, but the sad fact remains that there has not been one vocation to the Holy Ghost Fathers from St Mary's College for over 25 years! One result of this is that there has been no way to replace Fathers who have retired. The missions remain the primary work of the Holy Ghost Fathers and it cannot be sacrificed for anything else. In January 1984 a seminar was held in Blackrock College attended by Holy Ghost Fathers engaged in education in Ireland. It was conducted by Bishop Brendan Comiskey, SS.CC. and Brother Declan Duffy, FMS, and was entitled "The Spiritan Educational Apostolate in a Time of Change". The seminar lasted for three days and considered in depth the question of change in general before going on to discuss changes in society, the Church and education, before ending with recommendations to the Provincial Administration on how best the Holy Ghost Fathers could serve the educational needs of the local Church in Ireland. During the discussions, some disturbing statistics were revealed, e.g. of the total number of Fathers (126) resident in the five colleges of Blackrock, Rockwell, St Mary's,

St Michael's and Templeogue, in 1984, only 78 were engaged in teaching, either part time or full time, and the average age of these was 54 years. There were only 4 Fathers under the age of 40. By the year 1994, all but 22 of those engaged in teaching would be retired.

On May 18, 1987, the Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland, Very Rev Michael McCarthy, wrote to the President, Fr Hugh O'Reilly, to the effect that

- (a) A Board of Governors/Management should be set up to take effect from June 1988, and
- (b) that the post of Headmaster of the Senior School be advertised so that a new Headmaster could take over from Fr Jerome Godfrey on his retirement at the end of the 1987-88 school year.

On May 22, the staff of St Mary's were apprised of this by letter. On October 11, Rev Brother Leonardi Gilmore was invited to address the senior school staff on the implications of having a Board of Management in a school. On October 20, Fr Shelly of Newbridge College also came to talk on the same subject, so that all concerned would fully understand what was involved. Needless to remark, news of what was taking place became well known and it was a topic of much discussion and speculation at the past pupils union annual dinner which took place in November. The following day, a delegation from the union met the President to hear at first hand what the plans for the future of the school were. Naturally, they were extremely worried about any radical change in the management of the school and in particular that there would be no diminution of either control or commitment to the school by the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Fr O'Reilly assured the delegates that there was no question of the Holy Ghost Fathers withdrawing from the responsibilities they had undertaken when they re-opened the school in 1926, but that the fact of the shortage of priests had to be faced sooner rather than later. On December 2, the delegation waited on the Provincial Superior to voice their unease with the wisdom of setting up a Board of Management based on the articles agreed between the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland and the Conference of Managers of Catholic Secondary Schools. The post of Principal was advertised in all the national papers on January 27, 1988. 18 applications were received by February 19. On March 2 a panel of interviewers, comprising Fr Brendan Hally, former president of Blackrock College, Professor Michael MacCormac and Mr Eanna Johnson, was appointed to interview the applicants. Incidentally, the mother of Mr Johnson was a teacher of elocution in St Mary's from 1927-1931. The interviews took place on March 16 and lasted from 8.30 till 18.30. On April 4 it was announced that Mr Francis Conlon had been appointed principal to take office at the end of the 1987-88 academic year.

Mr Conlon is a married man with four children. A graduate of UCD he joined the staff of the senior school in St Mary's in 1972 and was the head of the biology department for eighteen years. One of the things that worried many of the past pupils, and indeed, everyone who had ever had any connection with the school, was that the change to a lay principal might adversely affect the whole direction of the school. Whether or not the Appointment Board considered this factor in making their choice, they could not have chosen better in order to allay these fears. Mr Conlon had considered joining the Holy Ghost Fathers when he left school and had studied in Kimmage Manor for some years and had even prefected in St Mary's for two years in the '50s. These facts along with the fact that he had taught for sixteen years in St Mary's made him eminently suited to continue the unique spirit that had always informed all the activity in the school, academic, cultural and sporting.

Mr Conlon's advent meant the departure of Fr Jerome Godfrey after ten years at the helm of the senior school. Born in Farranfore, county Kerry in 1923, Fr Godfrey

spent his entire life in education. After secondary studies with the Christian Brothers in Tralee, he studied pharmacy and became a qualified chemist before deciding to become a missionary priest with the Holy Ghost Fathers. He obtained his B.A. in 1947 in UCD and was ordained in 1950 and completed his studies the following year before going to Blackrock College. He had been appointed to the Vicariate of Zanzibar in East Africa but ill-health which was to dog him all through life, prevented this and a long period of hospitalisation followed. When well again, Fr Godfrey first taught in St Michael's, at that time a Preparatory College for Blackrock, and then in Willow Park. In 1957 he was appointed Dean of Discipline in Blackrock College, a position which involved him not only in the supervision and care of the Boarders, who were far more numerous in those days than they are now, but in the organisation of games, including the training of the Senior School Cup Team, which won the Leinster Senior Cup four times in the six years he was in charge. In 1963 he became Bursar and, after eight years, succeeded another Kerryman, Fr Tim O'Driscoll, as President of Blackrock. For six years he directed the fortunes of this great establishment and then, without even the shortest of breaks from these onerous tasks, accepted the appointment to St Mary's as Principal in succession to Fr James Hurley who had been transferred to Rockwell.

On leaving St Mary's, Fr Godfrey, on the theory that a change is as good as a rest, took up a temporary post in the pastoral ministry in Rotherham, Yorkshire, but at the end of a



Senior School Staff, 1987-1988

*Back: Mr. R. Hughes, Mr. P. Quinn, Mr. L. Naughton, Mr. P. McCloskey, Mr. C. Branigan,
Mr. D. Dunne, Mr. P. Flood, Fr. V. Browne.*

*Middle: Mr. B. Delaney, Mr. L. Duggan, Fr. C. Byrne, Mr. K. Lewis, Mr. N. Doyle,
Mr. S. McCarthy, Mr. J. Gillespie, Mr. T. Newell, Mr. M. Brennan, Miss C. Parr,
Mr. J. Kirby, Mr. M. Leonard, Fr. P. Raftery.*

*Front: Mrs. I. Cotter, Mr. F. Conlon, Miss D. Boylan, Fr. J. Godfrey, Fr. H. O'Reilly,
P. Uas Mac Murchú, Mrs. C. McCahill.*



Junior School Staff, 1987-1988

Back: Sr M. de L. Moran, Mr. K. Donnelly, Miss J. Barry, Mrs. M. O'Donnell, Mr. C. Sweeney, Miss M. O'Sullivan, Mrs. V. Wall, Fr. P. Reedy.

Front: Mrs. F. Bane, Fr. H. O' Reilly, Miss E. McCallig, Fr. S. O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. T. White, Mr. M. McGarry, Mrs. E. White.

year he was recalled to fill the post of Bursar in Willow Park, where he continues to keep up the contacts with St Mary's forged during his stay there.

Change is part and parcel of any organism if it is to remain alive. We are told that we change the skin on our bodies completely many times over during our lives. Proof that St Mary's is truly alive is vouched for by the continual change in its appearance over the years from the very first day of its existence as a school. The period of the '80s was to be another time of alterations, this time in the senior school, keeping pace, as it were, with the radical changes in the management structure. No major change had taken place in the school since the extension to the junior school carried out in the '60s. But the senior school was due for a face-lift as well extension, in order to provide much needed extra classroom space as well as updated chemistry and computer and physics labs, a library, a multi-purpose assembly hall which would double as lunch-room, improved staff-room, principal's and vice-principal's offices, geography room and careers guidance office as well as washrooms and toilets.

On March 22, 1988, a design team including Mr Duffy from the architectural firm of Shaffrey & Co, Mr Purcell of McGreevy & Co, surveyors and Mr O'Brien of O'Brien, & Co, electrical and plumbing engineers, met to discuss the proposed extension and alterations to the senior school and invite tenders for the work. On May 13 the tenders were opened in St Mary's and the lowest tender came from a firm in county Meath. On June 13 it was announced that the contract for the work had been awarded to Messrs Cleary & Doyle of Enniscorthy, county Wexford, and four days later the work of demolishing the outer walls of parts of the senior school building began.

The small quadrangle formed by the chapel, the 1st and 2nd Year block and school office, disappeared and in its place was built the mutli-purpose assembly hall which would also be used as lunch-room. The 3rd and 4th Year block, with 5th and 6th Year rooms above them, was extended to the west with rooms above and below on the north of the corridor. The work was finished in the same red brick facing to make the new indistinguishible from the old. The garden so assiduously cultivated by Fr Maiben had to go by the board so as not to curtail the space available for recreation. Permission was sought from and granted by the Minstry of Defence for access to the site for heavy duty transport from the Military Road. By the end of July the extension was ready to be roofed but it was not expected that the building would be ready for use before January 1989.

However, by December 1988 the new classrooms were almost ready for occupation to everyone's delight. Early in the New Year, the new desks arrived and industrial cleaners were in to prepare the rooms for class when the school re-opened after the Christmas holidays. So, the New Year of 1989 saw the students returning to brand-new or refurbished classrooms and other facilities. However work continued for some months before the staffrooms and canteen and some of the classrooms were ready, during which a major tragedy almost occurred when a workman struck an underground electric cable and was nearly electrocuted. Fortunately, loss of power for some hours was the only consequence. The workman suffered some shock but quickly recovered.

ACADEMICS

Examination Results:

Leaving Certificate

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Sitting</i>	<i>"A"s</i>	<i>"B"s</i>
1982	58	3	40
1983	51	14	72
1984	51	12	69
1985	59	38	86
1986	56	15	94
1987	59	30	54
1988	64	36	55
1989	63	16	81
1990	73	22	93

Intermediate Certificate

1983	66	75	145
1984	63	64	119
1985	61	39	146
1986	62	77	135
1987	63	73	165
1988	69	51	88
1989	131	150	299
1990	62	55	106

The period under review was one of considerable academic success as the above tables show. It contained some of the best results ever obtained by the school in public examinations. In the Leaving Cert the 1988 year obtained 36 'A's and 55 'B's out of 64 presented and the class of 1987 had 30 'A's and 54 'B's out of 59 presented. But the palm has to be awarded to the class of '85 with 38 'A's and 86 'B's out of 59 presented.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

In 1981-82 an experiment was carried out in 1st Year under the supervision of Mr Noel Doyle which involved the teaching of 'Integrated Studies'. This was a system of teaching in which subjects were treated not merely from the sole point of view of history, or geography or civics or social science, but from every point of view. It called for great co-operation between teachers as it transcended the ordinary subject-boundaries. It called for much group-work in projects and outside visits which were relished as a break from routine. The year was rounded off when the pupils invited their parents and friends to a display of the year's work and a dramatisation of the period between the Famine and the Land War, for which Paddy Funge was largely responsible.

YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

Ronan McNulty of 3rd Year was the winner of an outstanding extra-curricular award in 1982 when he gained first place and won the McCullough-Pigott Cup for Piano in the Sligo Feis. Ronan, son of the well-known Dublin organist and composer, Daniel McNulty, was the assistant-organist in the school during the year. Three years and many more gold medals and first places at Feiseanna later, Ronan had the unique distinction of having an entire edition of the St Mary's College Annual dedicated to his success in the Aer Lingus Young Scientist of the Year Competition. Ronan's invention was to devise a way in which music played on a conventional keyboard could be transferred to a computer and appear on a print-out in musical notation. Ronan's achievement is all the more praiseworthy when it is remembered that the competition, the 21st to be held, attracted entries from over 800 schools in the 32 counties.

COMPUTER STUDIES

As well as Ronan's great success, two 4th Year students, Robert Daly and Eoin Kelly, won 2nd Prize in the 'Physical and Applied Sciences' category of Best Computer Project. Their project set out to show how CSSP, a simple computer language, devised by Fr Cyril Byrne of the college staff, could be converted into Basic. The two boys then devised a programme which would convert CSSPK (an advanced version of CSSP) into Basic. Much of the work was done on the home-computer of Mr Terry Newell. It took three months to feed the programme into the computer. Robert Daly went on to even greater things. In the Leaving Cert in 1987 he won 1st Place in Ireland in Honours Physics.

Fr Byrne and Mr Newell, who look after the Senior and Intermediate Computer Studies have every reason to be proud of their students on their successes. (*College Annual* 1985)

In the following May Ronan McNulty flew out to Barcelona to take part in the European Young Scientist of the Year Competition where he won further honours by claiming the supreme award.

TOP SCHOOL IN IRELAND

Besides these successes in the Young Scientist competition, 1985 was to prove a bumper year for St Mary's as the college emerged at the top of the list of all the schools in Ireland in the Leaving Cert examinations, as the following extract from an article by Ted Hogan in the *Irish Times* shows:

St Mary's emerged at the top of the list of all the schools in Ireland in the Leaving Cert examination. The class of 59 boys won no less than 33 'A's, a tremendous result when one considers that schools with three and four times as many pupils doing the examination could not win even as many as half that number of 'A's.

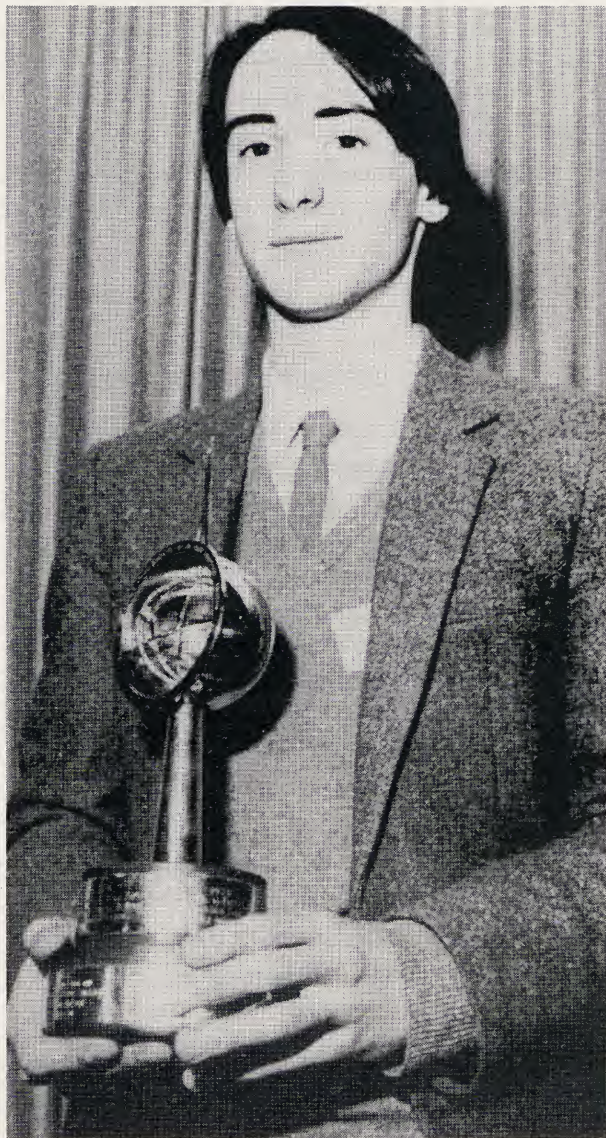
One experienced teacher of Leaving Cert subjects, who has asked me not to disclose his name, or that of his school, told me: 'Those St Mary's results were the best ever reported to me and you can take it as certain they were not bettered by any school in Ireland.'

Four boys in the class, Peter Cross, Daragh Kilmartin, Edward Browne and William Crowe each secured the maximum 32 points in the examination and two, Ronan McNulty and Niall Corish, secured 31. A fifth boy, James Fitzgerald, on the strength of being among the first six in music, was invited to apply for a scholarship in the Faculty of Music at UCD. But he has opted for a career in pharmacy and will continue to play the cello.

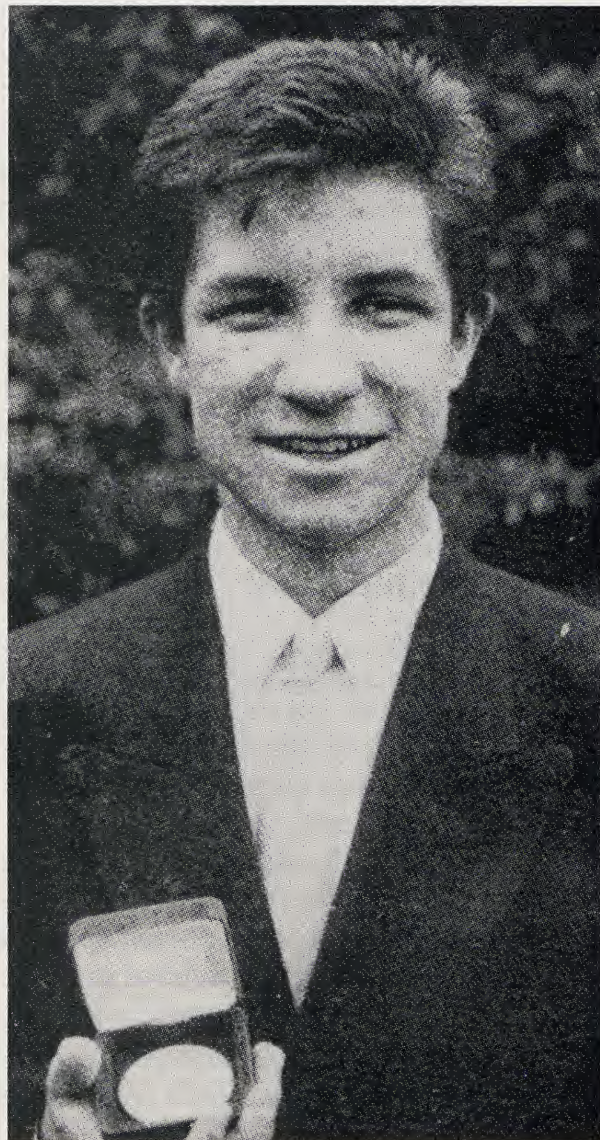
The remarkable academic achievements of the 1985 Leaving Cert class of St Mary's College do not end there. Three boys, Ronan McNulty (mathematics), Peter Cross (chemistry) and Edward Browne (physics) each took first place in Ireland in the NUI Matriculation and each won a scholarship to UCD worth £1,000.

Thus, St Mary's College won three out of a possible 16 first prizes awarded in the NUI Matriculation examination open to all the schools in Ireland.

St Mary's College, Rathmines, was founded in 1890 by the Holy Ghost Fathers and has built up a great tradition in the sports and academic fields. The good work is being carried on by the College President, Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, the Principal, Rev Jerome Godfrey, the Vice-Principal, Pól MacMurchú, the Science and Mathematics teachers, the Rev Cyril Byrne, Mr Frank Conlon and Mr Terry Newell, and the entire staff.



*Ronan McNulty
Young Scientist of the Year, 1985.*



*Robert Daly
1st Place in Physics, Leaving Certificate, 1987.*

In 1987-88 Laurence Doddy won First Place in Mathematics in the Matriculation Examination.

In December 1987, it was announced that Robert Daly had been awarded First Place in Ireland in Honours Physics in the Leaving Cert.

In 1989-90 Adrian Trenaman qualified for Phase II of the International Mathematics Olympiad organised by UCD.

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER SOLVING COMPETITION

1984-85 was a hard act for the class of 1985-86 to follow, but they gave it a good try. While they could not quite come up to the academic successes of the previous year in terms of written exam results, they produced some good result themselves. In the International Computer Solving Contest organised by the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, over 4,000 teams entered from all over the United States, Canada and twelve European countries. The team from St Mary's, Daniel Keogan and Colman Stephenson, was among the top scorers

*International Computer
Problem Solving
Contest, 1986*

*Daniel Keogan,
Colman Stephenson.*



*AIB/Business and
Finance Schools Essay
Competition, 1986*

*Mr. L. Naughton
receives the prize from
Mr. P. Mahony, Region
Manager, AIB. Also in
the picture are the
prize-winning essayists,
John Kennedy,
Declan Kennedy,
Cormac Byrne and
Alan Connolly and
Mr. Jim Dunne, Editor,
Business and Finance
Magazine.*

*Bank of Ireland
Student Project
Competition, 1986*

*Ciaran Keogh,
Robert Daly,
Declan McGuinness,
Roland Keogh,
Níall Funge.*



in the Junior Division. Six of the eight top teams were from the U.S. and one from Canada, while the St Mary's team were the standard bearers for Europe. It was a marvellous tribute to the boys and their teacher, Mr Terry Newell.

AIB/BUSINESS & FINANCE SCHOOLS ESSAY COMPETITION

In April 1986, four students from Mr Liam Naughton's 6th Year Economics class, Cormac Byrne, Alan Connolly, Declan Kennedy and John Kennedy submitted an essay which won 1st Prize in the AIB/Business and Finance Schools Essay Competition.

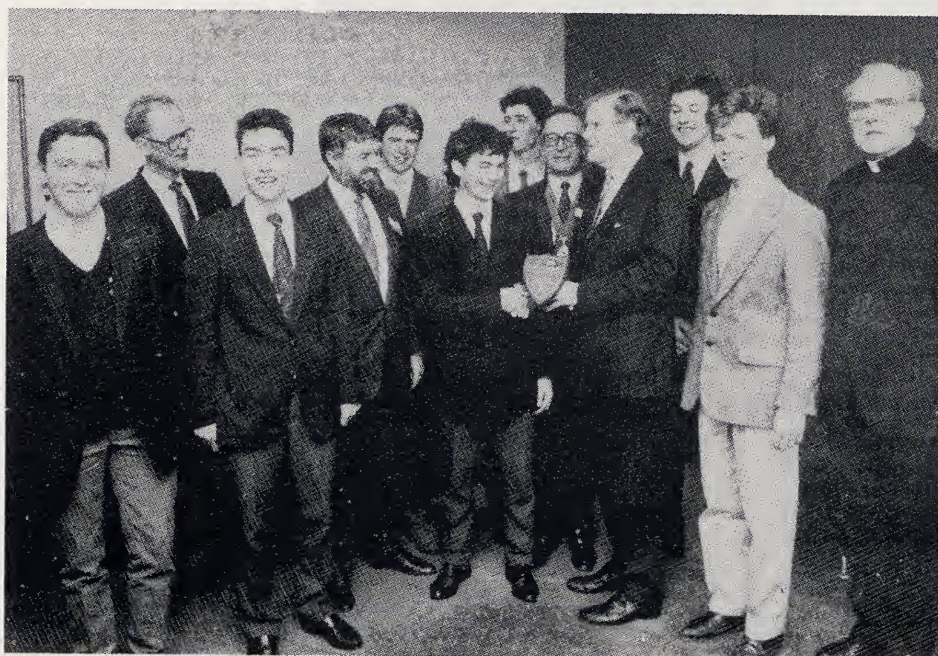
BANK OF IRELAND STUDENT PROJECT COMPETITION

A team of five 5th Year students from Mr Liam Naughton's Economics class entered the Bank of Ireland Student Project Competition and were awarded a 'Grade A' Certificate of Merit for their project. The five students were Ciaran Keogh, Robert Daly, Declan McGuinness, Roland Keogh and Niall Funge.

THE MANAGEMENT GAME

Groups of students from about 100 schools around the country in their final year take part in The Management Game organised every year by the computer firm, ICL, and Ulster Bank. In 1984-85, the St Mary's team of Eoin Flood, John Condren, Eoghan Donnelly and Peter Cross, emerged victorious after the first trading period, and again after the second period. The final was held 'live' in ICL House between six teams and through a miscalculation of the time remaining, St Mary's were pipped at the post and had to take third place to Ballyfin and Castleknock.

A St Mary's team, again under Mr Peter Quinn, came third in the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Business Management competition in 1987-88. The competition was in the form of a case study. The team was Conor Callinan, David Connolly, Colin Creedon, Donal Delaney, Darragh Maher and Victor Pomeroy.



*Management Game,
1988*

*At the prizegiving
reception: V. Pomeroy,
Mr. P. Quinn
(St. Mary's), C. Creedon,
Roy Hanan
(Craig Gardner),
D. Maher, B Maguire,
D. Connolly, H. Byrne,
(President, CIMA),
L. Connellan
(Director General,
Confederation of Irish
Industry), C. Callinan,
D. Delaney,
Fr. J. Godfrey
(Principal, St. Mary's).*

*National Management
Game, 1985*

*D. Doyle, E. Flood,
J. Condren, E. Donnelly,
P. Cross.*



In 1989-90, John Bainbridge, Mark Browne, Duane Byrne, Edward Condren, Alex Fitzgerald and Ross Whelan of Mr Naughton's class also came third in the Business Management Game.

DEBATING SOCIETY

1981-82 saw a big increase in the active participation of the students in the Debating Society's affairs, with many more taking to their feet to put points. Con Tiernan, Leonard Lynch and Charles Russell were the officers for the year. In the Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate, the school were represented by Leonard Lynch, Con Tiernan, Hugh Stephenson and John O'Connell. The distinguished Chairman was Mr T. F. O'Higgins, S.C. Chief Justice and a past pupil, who recalled his own schooldays shortly after the school re-opened in 1926. Con Tiernan was named Best Speaker.

In 1982-83, in the Junior Chamber of Commerce competition Gonzaga were the opponents for Tadhg Tiernan, Ian Ronayne, Conor Gilligan and John Thornton. For the Annual Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate, Tadhg Tiernan, Brian Gilsenan, Gerry Cross and Ian Burgess represented the school against the Past. The chairman for the night was Dr Martin O'Donoghue, former government minister. Gerry Cross was voted Best Speaker.

The Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate in 1983-84 attracted the usual high-powered representation from among the past students. The chair was taken by Mr Michael Mills, the newly appointed Ombudsman. The Present were represented by Ian Ronayne who won the Trophy, Paul Keogan, Conor Gilligan and John Thornton.

Most of the activity of the Debating Society took place in the first term in 1984-85. But the highlight of the debating year continued to be the Lorcan Gogan Memorial in which the Present were represented by Peter Cross, Niall Corish, Dara Kilmartin and Paul Keogan. The chair was occupied by the recently appointed Chairman of the Labour Court, past student John Horgan. Roland Keogh was voted winner of the Trophy. Participation in the Junior Chamber of Commerce competition was short-lived with Presentation, Terenure, administering the quietus in the first round.

The Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate was held on Jan 24, 1986. The Present were represented by Niall Tracey, Norman Byrne, Roland Keogh and Henry Bruce, who won the Trophy.

In 1986-87 the Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate was on the motion "That This House Has No Confidence in the Future of Ireland as an Independent Nation". Past student, Judge Kevin Lynch, was in the chair. Roland Keogh was voted best speaker.

In 1987-88 the Present were represented by Laurence Doddy, the winner of the trophy, Rory Byrne, Michael Roche and Eamon Whelan. The Chairman for the evening was past student Diarmuid O'Donovan. S.C. On November 12 King's Hospital were guests for the debate in aid of Concern. David Brabazon, Mark Regan, Michael Roche and Colman Stephenson were the speakers.

Ronan Walsh, Colman Stephenson, Kealan O'Reilly and Phelim Moloney were the school's representatives in the Annual Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate in 1988-89, which was chaired by Barrister Nicky Kearns, Ronan winning the trophy for best speaker. Colm Stephenson represented the school in the Bank of Ireland Secondary Schools Debate in TCD.

Debating continued unabated in the Centenary Year. At the Annual Lorcan Gogan Debate between the Union and School, which took place in March, Rodney Long was declared individual winner of the award.

INTER-SCHOOL LINKS

In 1987-88 a party of seventeen students and four teachers from Dal Riada School, Ballymoney, Northern Ireland, came to stay with seventeen students and four teachers from St Mary's, as part of the on-going Co-operation North Project begun in 1971 at the height of the Northern 'Troubles' with a view to improving relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. The School-links Exchange Scheme was launched in 1984 and under this scheme St Mary's was linked with Dal Riada. Mr Noel Doyle and Mr Sean McCarthy had earlier met with their counterparts to work out a schedule for the visit and much thought and work was put into making it as interesting and profitable as possible for both sides. Initial fears were quickly dispelled as both sides made every effort to show goodwill and the visitors were loud in their praise of the City and what it had to offer culturally, historically and recreationally. Of course, the whole point of the exercise is in



Dal Riada and St. Mary's, 1980

the return visit, and the St Mary's contingent were not disappointed with the welcome they received from their Northern friends and the beauty of the Antrim coast and the Giant's Causeway.

The success of the project inspired its continuation and every year since that initial outing the two schools have exchanged visits. In March 1989 the St Mary's Venturer Scouting Group undertook the hosting of the Dal Riada group for their stay in Dublin. The Exchange is now a fixture in the school calendar.

MUSIC

The year 1983-84 was a year of musical achievement outside the school. Jim Fitzgerald won a place in the Irish Youth Orchestra as a cellist. Jim had won many prizes in Feiseanna down the years and crowned his career as a schoolboy musician by being awarded a scholarship in music in UCD on the results of the Leaving Cert. Ronan McNulty gained 1st place in the Feis Ceoil in piano, while Paul McCarthy of 1st Year won the Boys Treble competition. Finally, the school choir gained 2nd place in the Diocesan Plain Chant competition.

In the following year, 1983-84, Paul McCarthy was a soloist in the Concert of Christmas Music in the National Concert Hall, Dublin, on December 14. At a Fleadh Ceoil on December 16, Colm O'Cofaidh (4th Year) came 1st in the uileannn pipes. In the following March a group of St Mary's students, together with a group from Notre Dame, Churchtown, performed excerpts from the musical, Salad Days, in the Feis Ceoil for the AIMS trophy.

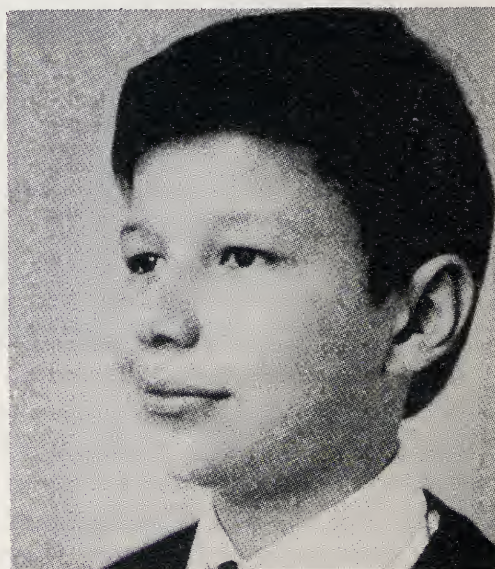
In 1985-86 Aminoodin Sayed of 1st Year was selected as percussionist in the Irish Youth Orchestra.

In 1986-87 Edward Foley of 1st Year gained First Place in the Feis Ceoil in Solo Pianoforte.

In 1987-88, R. Foley, P. Byron, M. Hogan and M. Mullarkey of the Junior School were entered by their teacher, Sr Mary de Lourdes, for the Whitefriar St Feis and won medals for singing.



Duane Byrne



Aminoodin Sayed

THE CHOIR

From the beginning of the school's existence there was a choir, if for no other reason than to give a lead in the singing at Benediction on Saturday mornings, which ended school for the week. This liturgical singing expanded occasionally into the singing of Missae Cantatae on the major feasts of the year.

We have already seen the large part played in music in the early days when the school had the benefit of such music masters on the staff as Joseph Stein, who composed the welcome song which opened the very first concert in the school in December 1890, and who contributed violin solos at this and other concerts during the two years he spent on the staff. He was followed by Mr F. Manly who is down as a teacher of the piano and Mr J. Munro who is mentioned simply as music teacher. Unfortunately we know nothing more about them or their work except their names on the staff list. Of course, all this time and until 1898, Fr Hugh Evans was on the staff and it can be safely taken for granted that liturgical singing was in his capable hands and as he was a man deeply concerned with all matters artistic and cultural, as well as being a deeply spiritual man, he would have seen that the liturgy was carried out as well as possible. For ten years from 1901 until 1910 St Mary's had the benefit of one of the best teachers of music it ever had in Mr Robert O'Dwyer. Mr O'Dwyer later went on to become Professor of Music in UCD and the composer of numerous works, including at least one opera that was produced to acclaim.

The Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland had absorbed the flair for the liturgy that had characterised the order in France. Even to this day the Holy Ghost Fathers are in the forefront of the liturgical renewal and in Fr Lucien Diess they have one of the leading liturgists in the Church today. The community of St Mary's has always contained at least one Father more than capable of taking charge of liturgical singing, even if it seldom boasted such luminaries as it can boast today in Fr Maiben, Fr Raftery and Fr Flood. But while singing, both liturgical and secular has always played its part in the cultural activity of the school, it was only under Fr Martin Maiben that choral singing achieved an entity of its own in the senior school. It had been an integral part of the junior school curriculum from the beginning, but it was not until 1948 when Miss Kathleen Uhlemann came on the staff that a specialist singing teacher was engaged, who looked after the singing in the junior school and in the lower classes in the senior school. Miss Uhlemann (1948-52) was a well-known Irish contralto who had sung in oratorio and opera in Dublin. She was succeeded by Mr Leo Maguire, singer and broadcaster, until 1955, when he was succeeded in turn by Miss Moira Griffiths (1955-59), a well-known organist and choir mistress. Miss Muriel Morris was on the staff for seven years (1960-67) before handing on to Mrs Spinks who remained for five years (1967-72) before the advent of Mrs Maureen Valentine who is happily still with the college. In 1987 Sister Mary de Lourdes from the Mt Sackville Convent of St Joseph of Cluny came to assist Mrs Valentine. All of these dedicated teachers and musicians played a part in inculcating a knowledge and appreciation of singing to generations of St Mary's boys, which few enough of them may have been aware of while at school, but went to form them as educated men.

Fr Maiben had an encyclopedic knowledge of music and was a practitioner of no small merit on organ, piano, violin, viola, cello and banjo. For over a quarter of a century he helped to develop choirs and choral singing in the senior school and gathered round him a band of dedicated music lovers in the Musical Appreciation Society. When he retired in 1980 he was succeeded by Fr Peter Raftery, M.A., B.Mus.

The retirement of Fr Frank Barry in 1984 was the end of an era in St Mary's. For the best part of fifty years Fr Barry had been involved in the annual stage production in the senior school. In fact he had become synonymous with 'The Play', much as he had become synonymous with cricket, and, as a result, his retirement left a lacuna difficult to fill. For



The Choir, 1983

*P. Gillian, D. Byrne, J. Heron, K. Carvill, R. Keogh.
 F. Roantree, J. Healy, D. W. Fogarty, F. Dolan, G. Raymond.
 K. Twomey, P. Whelan, P. MacNally, F. McNulty, N. Byrne, B. Brennan,
 J. Higgins, R. McNulty (Accompanist).
 D. McHugh, B. Herriott, R. Kilmartin, P. Shaffrey, P. Funge, C. Kissane, M. Thorne.
 B. O'Donoghue, M. Regan, R. Daly, J. Beirne, D. Flood, H. Bruce, N. Funge, E. Kelly.
 N. Corish, D. Kilmartin, B. McDonald, Fr. P. Raftery CSSp, J. Deasy, C. Budds, T. Lavin.*



The Choir, 1987

*C. Buckley, R. Lynch, R. Keogh, D. Fogarty, P. MacNally, J. Moran, M. Regan, P. Dolan.
 J. O'Hara, A. Coady, P. McElwee, E. Foley, P. Doddy, S. Strahan, H. Byrne, R. Regan,
 A. Sayed, A. Graham.
 R. Gillen, D. Kenny, D. Byrne, I. Gilmartin, D. McCambridge, E. Condren, P. Pirie,
 P. Nagle, C. Flood, A. Byrne.
 D. Harty, R. McNamara, C. Doyle, T. Lavin, M. Browne, J. Heron, C. Flynn, S. Keogh, S. Daly.
 G. Walsh, S. McGuinness, J. MacNally, C. Stephenson (Organist), Fr. P. Raftery,
 D. McShary, A. McConnell, P. Brennan, K. Brennan.*

one year, the first since 1934, St Mary's did not have a senior school production. However, the pause was in the nature of a deep breath because in April 1984 the first-ever musical presented by the senior school, *Oklahoma*, in association with Notre Dame School, Churchtown, was a resounding success, and since then the St Mary's/Notre Dame annual musical productions have been looked forward to with keen anticipation. However, these are all treated in their own section of this book. For the moment we concentrate on the work done by Fr Raftery with the choir.

After Fr Maiben's retirement the choir was dormant until Fr Raftery revived it in 1982-83. In a small school like St Mary's the students are involved in many extra-curricular activities and students keen on games are also very likely to be in the scouts and may be in the Debating Society or some other indoor activity as well. How to find time is the problem. Fr Raftery solved it by scheduling choir practices at 8.30 a.m. every Wednesday. The choir, in Fr Raftery's own words, began modestly, all the work done was in the area of the Liturgy, the monthly School Masses and the special occasions like Christmas and Easter and the Mass preceding the Past Pupils' AGM. At the Annual Diocesan Inspection of Sacred Music, Fr Threadgold of Clonliffe College thought they were good enough to participate in the Diocesan Festival of Plain Chant in the Pro-cathedral in April, 1983. They were the only boys' choir invited to take part. Paul McCarthy was the soloist in *O Holy Night* on Christmas night. Paul was a pupil of Professor Dan McNulty and sang in his choir in the Augustinian Church, John's Lane, and was a Feis Ceoil gold medallist. On December 14 at the National Concert Hall, Paul McCarthy was the soloist in the performance of "We're Walking on Air" by Howard Blake.

Ronan McNulty was school organist during the year and gained the highest grade in music in the Inter Cert in 1984. The choir was once more the only boys' choir invited to the Diocesan Plain Chant Festival, which was the last function attended by Archbishop Ryan before he announced his retirement. At the Requiem Mass for Fr Murray in April 1984, Tristan Pierce and Paul McCarthy were the soloists. 1985 was European Music Year and two St Mary's boys were members of the Dublin Boy Singers, directed by Frank Hughes of Wesley College, who presented a concert for the occasion. Mark Regan and Barry O'Donoghue of 3rd Year were members of the choir that performed at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the Special Olympics in the RDS.

1986-87 saw the choir breaking new ground when it was invited to sing at the Sunday Television Mass on October 1986. This was Mission Sunday, so it was apt that a school run by missionaries should share in the provision of the choir for the occasion. They were joined by the choir of Notre Dame, Churchtown. Miss Hynes conducted while Fr Raftery was accompanist. The chief celebrant was Bishop Smith of Meath assisted by Fr Seamus Galvin, CSSp, National Director of the Pontifical Aid Societies, and Fr Paddy Dundon, CSSp.

At the Archiepiscopal Concelebrated High Mass which opened the Centenary Celebrations in September 1989, the choir, under Fr Raftery's direction, with Fr Flood as accompanist, won praise from all sides for both their musical and devotional performance, adding immeasurably to the solemnity and beauty of the occasion.

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50 New members were enrolled in the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in the college in 1981-82, including the first members of the newly formed Juvenile Section. In December 1981 they entered for a schools quiz organised by Terenure College for Temperance Week. Although St Mary's had won this competition for the previous two years this time they were not so fortunate and had to give best to their neighbours, St Louis School. In April

1982 a Sponsored Walk was undertaken and the proceeds sent to the Brazilian mission of Fr David Darcy who had been involved in the Centre's activities for fifteen years.

EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL TOUR

For years the school had been accustomed to the Senior School Rugby XV going overseas on football tours to various parts of Britain, and even some of the boys had been selected to tour Zimbabwe with the Irish Schools XV, but in 1982-83 the first group, (apart from a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1958 in celebration of the Centenary of the Apparitions) ever to leave St Mary's on an educational tour to Europe left during the Easter Vacation. They were from 3rd and 4th Years and were led by the vice-principal, Pól Uasal MacMurchú, Mr Michael Brennan and Mr David Dunne. They flew to Amsterdam, where they did a city tour by waterbus and visited the Rijksmuseum before boarding a coach to Brussels, where they were given a tour of the Berlaymont by a member of the staff of Mr Richard Burke, Ireland's EC Commissioner. Paris was the next and final stop and they drank their fill of the sights and sounds of the Left Bank, Notre Dame, Louvre, Champs Elysée and the Eiffel Tower, losing only one boy and that only momentarily.

A four-day trip to Europe was again essayed by the 3rd and 4th Years with the same masochistic cicerones, Mr Dunne and Mr Brennan, in 1983-84. They are either slow learners or 'living saints'! This time they went by coach to Rosslare, ferry to Le Havre, coach to Ivry outside Paris, where they spent the rest of the time 'doing the sights', returning to Rouen and the St Killian which brought them home.

The 1985-86 trip took the 3rd and 4th Years to Cherbourg where they boarded their coach that took them to St Marie Église and the famous World War II Museum, and then to William the Conqueror's hometown, Caen, where they were to stay. Easter Sunday was spent in Paris, returning via Lisieux.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The phasing out of the Legion of Mary in the early '70s left a lacuna which was not filled until 1988-89. Fr Aloysius Flood, the newly appointed school chaplain, inaugurated a Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the school. The Conference took Fatima Mansions in Dublin as the sphere of their activities in conjunction with the local clergy and the Holy Ghost group living in the flats and engaged in an active apostolate in this area devastated by high unemployment.

From time to time events are organised in the school to raise funds for the Society. In May 1990 a very successful bazaar was held in the college hall with various stalls manned by the boys, while a little later in the month a Marathon Indoor Soccer Tournament took place in the gymnasium. These events have the double benefit of raising much needed funds and of keeping the work of the Society before the minds of the boys and of providing them with an opportunity of fulfilling their Christian duty to the less fortunate in society.

DRAMATICS

The dramatic offering in 1981-82 was the play by Louis D'Alton, *They Got What They Wanted*. And as it happened, this was to be Fr Frank Barry's swan-song and the last straight play to be presented by the senior school. From then on the 'musical' was to be the genre pursued. This may have been an 'ending', but it was also a 'beginning' because that year for the first time ever 'real' girls appeared on the St Mary's stage. Heretofore, the audience had to accept boys masquerading as ladies. Now they had the real thing, drawn from Our Lady's, Templeogue, and Notre Dame, Churchtown, who

were to figure in all the productions from then on. In fact the annual production became a joint-production of Notre Dame and St Mary's. But before dealing with this departure from tradition, it might be no harm to say a word in praise of the countless boys over almost 100 years who interpreted with surprising grace and elegance the roles of women of every station in life from Lady Bracknell to Liza Doolittle, from Charley's Aunt to Thomas More's daughter, Meg. It took no little moral courage to endure the ballyragging that accompanied the playing of such parts. They deserve a retrospective cheer for a job well done.

The ladies who initiated the new trend responded magnificently to the challenge. Hilary O'Loughlin of Our Lady's played the exacting part of the mother of five grown-up children. She brought a maturity and a sense of humour to the role that belied her years. Catherine Dennis and Orla Cunningham of Notre Dame played the two daughters. The male players Conal Budds, John Blunden, Colm Dunne and Hugh Mullen responded gallantly to the standard set by the girls. The set design was by Raymund Bulger, the lighting by Cormac Funge and Niall Sweeney. Make-up in the capable hands of Mrs Funge and Mrs Smyth, Peter Walsh and John Gillespie. It was a most satisfactory note on which Fr Barry could take his final curtain-call.

In the lull between productions during 1982-83, many students from St Mary's were guest artists in the Notre Dame School production of *Blossom Time*, gearing up, as it were, for the future.

A rip-roaring *Oklahoma* ushered in the new era of musical productions in 1983-84. It was with considerable trepidation that Fr Raftery embarked on this new venture. Mould-breakers seldom have it easy. It might be argued that without precedents the stage was set for creating new standards, but in a school where excellence was the only acceptable standard, he knew he had his work cut out to emulate the traditions already set. He need not have worried, It was a resounding success. The production and direction were by Miss Cranny; musical direction by Fr Raftery and Ronan McNulty; choreography by Ms Rita English; lighting by Mr Frawley, C. Funge and C. Tee; sets by Mr Calvey and art students; stage management by N. Sweeney, J. Ronaldson, R. Traynor, J. Condren, and N. Funge. Lt. Col. McNally and Ronan McNulty supplied the music.

Salad Days, a West End fantasy, was the second joint venture of Notre Dame and St Mary's. It was presented in Notre Dame, the two schools agreeing to sponsor the productions every alternate year. Lisa Kelly and Tristan Pierce, two of the principals of *Oklahoma* were the young lovers, John Deasy the father, Anita Wilson and Patricia Dennis the two aunts and David Fogarty the bumbling constable. The production and direction were in Miss Cranny's capable hands, with Ms Rita English once more in charge of the choreography, and Ms Emer O'Connor, music teacher in Notre Dame, was musical director.

1985-86 was the centenary of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado* and it was hoped to stage it as the third musical offering of the joint Notre Dame/St Mary's venture. However, *The Pirates of Penzance* was decided on as a more realistic if less ambitious option. It was a major undertaking with a cast of over 80 to be rehearsed and controlled. Miss Cranny was again director/producer; Ms English choreographer; Ronan McNulty (now a student in UCD) was assisted by Ms Hynes, Notre Dame music teacher, as musical director; Mr Calvey, aided by Gerard McGann, Kieran Carvill and Bernard Herriott, designed and executed the scenery; lighting was by Mr Feighan with the aid of Niall Funge, Andrew O'Donovan and Cormac Kissane. Padraic Funge was stage manager. The colourful posters and programme design were by Gerard McGann.

In 1986-87 the success of *The Pirates of Penzance* the previous year encouraged Fr Raftery and Ms Hynes of Notre Dame to attempt *The Mikado*, which they had feared to try the year before. Availability of suitable players plays a large part in the choice of a



"Pirates of Penzance"
Pirate King (John Moran)



"Oliver"
Fagin (Ronan Walsh)



"Fiddler on the Roof"
Tevye (Paul Brennan)

production for a school of limited numbers, even when it is combined with another school of similarly limited numbers. The cast was headed by Roland Keogh, in his third year of playing leads, an admirable Mikado, and well served by David Fogarty, David Connolly, Mark Regan, John Moran, Lisa Kelly and Ms Teresa Dunne of the Notre Dame staff. Miss Cranny and Ms English were once more in charge of production and choreography, Ms Hynes of musical direction. Bill Feighan assisted by Pamela Cullen and Louise Kedroff, looked after the lighting, Erica and Larry Foley, assisted by 5th Year students of Notre Dame, designed and executed the scenes. Dedicated parents of both schools produced costumes that would have graced a professional company.

Oliver! was chosen for the 1987-88 production which was presented in St Mary's for six nights in the last week in November 1987. Ronan Walsh brought many years experience on stage and television to the character of Fagin. Jacqueline Fogarty, in the first of a number of appearances in these musicals, brought a verve to her dancing and singing and acting that brightened up the stage at her every appearance. But the entire production was of the quality that audiences had come to expect from these joint ventures. A new director and producer, in the absence of Miss Cranny, was Ms Marie-Louise O'Donnell of Carysfort College. Ms Hynes and Ms English looked after the music and choreography. Mr P. McCluskey, art teacher in St Mary's, designed the sets with the help of Peter Fitzgerald and John Kehoe. Bill Feighan had the assistance of Niall Funge with the Lighting. Padraic Funge was the Stage Manager, with Andrew O'Donovan and Pamela Cullen.

1988-89 was the turn of Notre Dame to stage the annual co-production and *Calamity Jane* was chosen as a ready-made lead was available in the person of Jacqueline Fogarty, whose singing, acting and personality would carry any show. She was ably seconded by David Leech, David McCabe, Kevin McDevitt, Gary Twohig and Alan McConnell in a rip-roaring production well up to standard.

Fiddler on the Roof in 1989-90 was another production with a very large cast, with a score of main characters apart from the choruses. Duane Byrne (a Feis Ceoil gold medallist) was the Fiddler, a playing, non-speaking part. Paul Brennan and Jacqueline Fogarty had the leads with Lisa Walsh as the Matchmaker. A fine orchestra of strings, wood-wind, brass, accordion and percussion, led by pianist Pauline Cooper, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Production and direction were in the capable hands once more of Ms



John O'Connell



Gerry Cross



David Lynch



Conor Foley

Cranny, while Ms Rita English and Ms Aileen Hynes looked after the choreography and music.

The Junior School was not to be outdone in the Centenary Year. In March they presented not one but two most colourful productions, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Hiawatha*, Henry Longfellow's tragic poem set to music by H. A. McDonald. Mrs Maura Devery was the producer and Sr de Lourdes the musical director of *Joseph*, while Ms Cranny and Ms Valentine looked after *Hiawatha*. Between them, they called upon most of the Junior School, and in doing so involved huge numbers of parents in costume-making. The end-product was a credit to players and helpers.

RUGBY

The football season of 1981-82 actually began only weeks after the previous season ended. The main reason being that the new season was due to open with a match against Blackrock to celebrate the official opening of the new Pavilion in Kenilworth. So, workouts in the gym were carried out during the cricket season to keep up the fitness levels. As a result, that opening game with 'Rock was an exciting one that St Mary's could have won if they had taken their chances, but ended in an honourable draw, 9-9.

The Cup itself was a disaster for St Mary's. The Wanderers RFC Schools Sevens were some consolation when they reached the final with Clongowes. School captain, John O'Connell, got the reward for his powerful running and crash-tackling when he won his cap for Leinster against the visiting Australian Schools. At the Hallow E'en mid-term break there was a short tour to Wales with a draw with Cynffig School and a 7-14 loss to Brynteg School.

The 1982-83 season began on a high note with a well-merited win over the Welsh conquerors of the previous season, Brynteg, who had already beaten St Michael's, 17-0. St Mary's ran in four tries in their 24-4 win. Unfortunately, it was a question of peaking too early, because it was all downhill from then on in spite of the heroic efforts of captain, Gerry Hasset, in his third year on the SCT, and what was one of the best packs to come out of the school in years. The really outstanding player was undoubtedly Gerry Cross at No. 8, and he was the outstanding player on the Leinster Interprovincial team, and well worth the Irish caps he was awarded.

1983-84 was another season in which St Mary's did not fulfil their potential. John

Muldoon led the team on their short tour to London in which they defeated Wimbledon and lost to St John Fisher. In December seven of the team gained Interpro trials. Terenure in the first round of the Cup, is never a welcome prospect, and so it proved. The only consolation for St Mary's was that they were beaten by the convincing cup-winners.

1984-85 again saw St Mary's make an early exit from the Cup. Paul McSharry was captain of a team which had three Schools Internationals in its backline, Conor Foley, David Lynch and Vincent Cunningham, along with another, Kilian Murray, who gained Interprovincial honours. St John Fisher came over in October and were roundly defeated, 36-10. Three members of the SCT, Adrian Hoey, Paul McSharry and Killian Murray, were chosen on a team selected from the five Holy Ghost colleges to tour Italy. The occasion was the Beatification of the Venerable Daniel Brottier, CSSp in Rome by Pope John Paul. Fr Brottier was a Holy Ghost Father and worked on the missions in Senegal for ten years before returning to his native France to raise funds for the building of the Cathedral in Dakar. He worked for the Red Cross during World War I taking part in the ghastly battles at the Somme, Verdun, and Flanders. After the war he founded the National Union of Ex-Servicemen and then he began his life work, an orphanage at Auteuil, Paris, which became a model for orphanages world-wide, including the famous "Boys' Town" of Fr Flanagan in Omaha, Nebraska. He is said to have worked many miracles in developing this great work and many miracles have been attributed to him since his death in 1936, making his tomb a place of pilgrimage.

After the Beatification ceremonies, a number of matches with Italian schools were arranged. The boys returned with a trophy they had won.

The JCT looked an accomplished squad from their very first victory, over 'Knock (24-0), followed by sixteen more before Christmas. Two more games, against Blackrock (11-3) and Castleknock (6-3), finished the friendlies leaving a record that had never been equalled in the school's history,

Played 20; Won 20; Lost 0; 372 points for; 89 against.

The Cup campaign began with a walk-over from St Columba's who had 'flu rampant in the college. CUS followed and were beaten 13-0. Templeogue had proved one of the toughest nuts St Mary's had had to crack in the friendlies, with a big, strong team. In Donnybrook, with a near-gale blowing, they were unbeatable and won 16-0. Paul Sheehan in the front row was captain, but the entire squad deserved the highest commendations for their performance over the whole season.



Vincent Cunningham



Andrew Hoey



Stephen Tracey



Stephen Rossi



David Wall



Norman Byrne



Gary Lavin



Niall O'Kelly

The U-13s had a taste of 'international' football when they played host to a visiting team from the Jesuit college of Stonyhurst in the Christmas holidays, winning 36-14.

Stephen Tracey was captain of the SCT in 1985-86. Early on, they were unfortunate enough to lose Donal Loughrey and Paul Whelan to injuries which put them out of action for most of the season and probably cost them their interpro caps. In the Blackrock Schools Festival they reached the semis only to be put out by 'Rock. The following day David Wall sustained a serious shoulder injury which put him out for the season, depriving him too of a likely interpro cap. The mid-term break included a short tour to London in which St Mary's played Wallington High School, winning 18-13, and St John Fisher. A comfortable win over CUS in the Cup was followed by a win over St Gerard's after a scoreless draw. Churchtown were quarter-final opponents and won a tight match 9-8. Andrew Hoey gained International and Interprovincial honours, Stephen Tracey Interpro honours and Brendan O'Hora a Leinster trial.

A disappointing 7-0 defeat by St Michael's in the first round ended St Mary's interest in the Junior Cup proper, but opened up the possibilities for the Junior Plate, a trophy presented by St Gerard's School for those teams eliminated from the first two rounds of the Cup. St Mary's defeated King's Hospital (17-3) and Clongowes Wood (14-12) to reach the semi-final with St Gerard's, a hard game won by St Mary's 18-0. The final, against St Andrew's in St Gerard's, brought out the very best football in the contestants and ended with a victory for St Mary's by two tries by Gareth Halpin, one from Maitiu McCarthy, a conversion and two penalties by Gareth, 20-8. It had been quite some time since St Mary's had last won any trophy at rugby.

In 1986-87 Fr Godfrey, the Principal, managed the SCT for the 9th year, while the coaches were again Brian Cotter and Derek Jennings. Stephen Tracey was captain for the second year. The highlights of the first term were the annual match with St John Fisher of London, who came seeking revenge for two defeats but had to depart empty-handed, and a lightning visit to Glasgow. The game with hosts, St Aloysius College, was played in atrocious conditions and the 22-3 win for St Mary's was well merited. A bye into the second round of the Cup brought St Mary's up against what was considered the strongest pack in the competition, King's Hospital. The St Mary's pack, led by vice-captain Paul Sheehan, took the game to this pack and did not give them an inch. A characteristic break by Tracey and a quick transfer to Norman Byrne outside him, saw the out-half over at the corner flag. It was the only score, but enough. The opposition in the quarter final

was Churchtown, always doughty cup fighters, but St Mary's were anxious to turn the tables on the side that had put them out of the competition the previous year. They succeeded with a 21-6 win with tries by David Wall and the Lavin brothers, Gary and Troy. Blackrock were the opponents in the semi-final and the St Mary's plan was to run everything that came their way, knowing that 'Rock's strength was in its pack. St Mary's were ahead at the interval, but as expected Blackrock came back at them and in the closing minutes of the game their sharp scrum-half scored what many thought was a dubious try, but it was enough to clinch the issue. Three of the team were awarded their Interprovincial caps, Stephen Tracey, David Wall and Stephen Rossi, while Stephen Tracey was chosen to represent the Irish Schools on a tour to Australia where he played in the two Test matches.

The U-13s had a good year, winning all four of their matches in the league section. A narrow 6-4 victory over Blackrock set up the final with Willow Park. Rain, sleet and a biting wind helped neither side but Willow scored three tries to two for St Mary's to win out.

The 1987-88 season began with a winning streak of five games, including a first win against Rockwell for a number of years. Niall O'Kelly was elected captain with Gareth Halpin vice-captain. St Mary's played host to St Aloysius from Glasgow and had an easy 36-3 win. In the London Tour at the mid-term break they played Eltham College and won 10-0, and then went to old rivals, St John Fisher, who reversed the trend and won a very close encounter, 15-12. A 3-4 loss to The High School in the first match of the Cup gave St Mary's entry into the Senior Plate. The final saw De La Salle win by the narrow margin of 7-6. Both Niall O'Kelly and Gary Lavin were picked for their Province and for the Irish Schools.

When St Mary's went to Castleknock as customary to open the 1988-89 season, they faced a highly rated team, so the ensuing draw was highly satisfactory for the start of the season. Early on injury sidelined Gary Lavin who missed most of the season, returning only just in time to stake his claim on the Irish Schools team. In expectation of large crowds the first match of the Cup against St Michael's was played in Donnybrook and the crowd were treated to a fine display of rugby. A plentiful supply of ball from scrum and lineout gave St Michael's too many opportunities and they made enough out of them to finish 16-7. In the Senior Plate, a St Mary's side depleted by injury just lost out to St Gerard's in a close battle. Four players were honoured by their province, Leinster, Gary Lavin, Maitiú



Colin Thornton



Michael McLoughlin



Maitiú McCarthy



Brian Cotter

McCarthy, Colin Thornton and Michael McLoughlin while Gary was picked for the Irish Schools. Gary, Maitiu and Michael were selected for the Leinster Schoolboys team that toured Zimbabwe for three weeks in the summer. The side won all six matches played.

The 2nd Seniors won their section of the League by beating Terenure (6-0), St Paul's (14-0) and Newbridge (23-0). Michael Leonard who trained both 2nd and 3rd Senior teams did a fine job, as he had done for a great many seasons. The 3rds beat Blackrock (13-4), Newpark (w.o.), Kilkenny (w.o.), King's Hosp. (6-0) to reach a semi-final against St Columba's who adapted to the adverse weather conditions better and won 10-6.

The JCT, after a First Round defeat at the hands of Pres Bray, went on to take the Junior Plate for a second year, in itself no mean feat. Oran Rigby sustained a broken leg just before the cup campaign, which did not help matters. A 3-4 defeat by Pres Bray had put them out of the Cup. They were captained by Adam Rossi.

The U-13s had been unbeaten as U-12s and U-11s and had been together since they were U-9s and had learned the fundamentals of the game from none other than that maestro, Fr Dick Lehane. So it was understandable that Messrs Lewis and Dunne, the coaches, felt this could well be the team to beat the jinx that had bedevilled St Mary's for so long in the Provincial's Cup. And they were right. From the very first match of the season which they won by over 35 points, they played 17 matches and lost only one, scoring 566 points and conceding only 39. In the Cup, they beat Templeogue (33-0), then in the hardest match of all St Michael's (8-0), Blackrock (44-0) and Willow Park (10-0). Willow were the opponents in the semi-final in ideal conditions, well suited to the St Mary's running game, and suffered a massive 44-0 defeat. St Mary's made a good start in the final, scoring within five minutes but St Michael's responded with two unconverted tries. At halftime the St Mary's prop, Brian Cavanagh, had to retire but was ably replaced by Eoghan McMahon and St Mary's put on the pressure which realised a try to put them ahead. St Michael's responded with sustained attacks for twenty-five minutes but these were stoutly repulsed and the final whistle found St Mary's once more attacking. It was enough, and after a gap of ten years the cup was back where St Mary's always felt it should have been. The Provincial, Very Rev. Brian McLaughlin, a St Mary's 'old boy', had the pleasure of presenting 'his' trophy to 'his' school.

1989-90 was the College's Centenary Year, so the way was open for novelty events. The first of these was a challenge match between the SCT and the cup-winning SCT of 1968-69, at least as many of them as were still able-bodied. It ended fittingly in a draw. Centenary or not, trophies are not won on wishes, and there were no great expectations



Our Rugby Mentors

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Mr. D. Campion
(Under 14s),
Mr. F. Keogh (JCT)
Dr. B. Deasy
(Medical Adviser)
Mr. D. Jennings (SCT)
Mr. B. Cotter (SCT)
Fr. J. Godfrey.*

for the team. The material was just not there, even if there was no shortage of commitment or hard work, as was shown in the first Cup encounter, when a far heavier Wesley pack pushed St Mary's all over the park, but could not make their superiority pay. A few back movements from St Mary's on the couple of occasions on which they managed to steal possession, and St Mary's were over for tries to offset the penalty and push-over try Wesley got. St Mary's 8 Wesley 7. Two weeks later and Clongowes were the opponents, this time in Donnybrook. The pattern was unchanged. Clongowes got everything in the set pieces and in the line-outs, St Mary's survived on the scraps picked up in the loose, but on every occasion on which the ball got to the backs there was flowing movement to enjoy, which yielded two tries. Unfortunately, with the wealth of possession they had, Clongowes had far greater opportunities and they availed of them to run up 14 points and win the day. However, the year did have its consolations when the Senior Schools Sevens, run in conjunction with the Old Belvedere Sevens competition, was won by St Mary's. They beat CBC Monkstown 20-0 in the final.

The U-13s bade fair to emulate their peers of the previous year by breezing through their matches in the Provincial's Cup with scarcely a hiccup. Not that the opposition took it lying down. Willow and St Michael's in particular provided sterling competition, but St Mary's had strong-running centres in Hickie and Doggett who, together with out-half Ormond, could always turn a game round if given any kind of decent service, and so it proved, and the Cup was retained.

The U-11s were centre-stage for a change when they played Belvedere in a Mini-rugby demonstration as a pipe-opener to the full International match at Lansdowne Road between Ireland and the All-Blacks of New Zealand.

JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY

Throughout our account of games as played in St Mary's only passing references have been made, because of lack of space, to the games played in the junior school. And yet, whatever success has been achieved at games in the senior school, at any level, is assuredly to be laid at the feet of those who nurtured those games in the junior school, particularly rugby and cricket, not least in the love of the games engendered there. Whatever the coaches in the senior school may feel, their success could not have been achieved if the foundations had not been properly laid in the junior school or a love of the games had not been nurtured early on.

The task of introducing the young boys to the mysteries of rugby and cricket, games as a rule totally foreign to the vast majority whether they came from national or private schools, was given for the first ninety years of the school's history to prefects, the young clerical students pursuing their studies for the priesthood with the Holy Ghost Fathers. Their dedication to the work, and to the boys they worked with, was legendary and remembered with affection by all who had the privilege of knowing them and of coming under their influence.

However, decreasing numbers and a change of policy which saw these young men going abroad to obtain mission experience rather than getting this work experience at home in the schools confided to the Order, brought an end to this era. The last prefects to come to St Mary's (1977-79) were Mr Michael Begley and Mr Michael Kilkenny, who are now working as missionaries in East Africa and Angola. However, apart from these two, from 1967 on, there were no prefects.

From 1970 until 1975 the Junior School had the benefit of the incomparable knowledge and practical skill of Fr Dick Lehané to introduce the young boys to the game and inculcate in them the basic skills which would serve them throughout their playing careers. In 1975 Fr Lehané returned to the missions where he had spent most of his life, and which were

his first love. He left a lacuna which the authorities found difficult to fill and in their need they turned to the St Mary's RFC for help. The President of the Club at the time was Matt Gilsenan and in him the school found a ready and eager supporter and organiser. The club was, and still is, acutely aware that the well-being of the club is largely dependent on a steady influx of new blood and there is no better place to find that than in the school where the vast majority of the members had learned not only their rugby skills but the very spirit which had always characterised the club. And many feel that it would be a disaster for the club if the exigencies of playing in the All-Ireland League were permitted to dilute the college content of the playing membership. The short-term gain from such a move ought to be seriously examined before embarking on a policy that would radically alter the content of the membership.

The fact that the college turned to the club for help in providing coaches for the junior school was in no way intended to belittle the efforts of the few male members on the junior school staff. Even when the prefects were there, staff members pulled their weight in this regard, but with nine classes to cope with, help was needed and very quickly Matt Gilsenan had John Cunningham, Christy Maguire and Don Purcell in to coach the U-9s. Michael Cotter and Jim Corbett of the school staff looked after the U-10s with Michael McSweeney, while Jack Bagnall, John Carvill and Frank Montague took on the U-11s and U-12s every Saturday morning. On Wednesdays, Denis Hooper helped in the training, while Ned Carmody and Willo Murray organised visits from the Leinster Branch coaches. The following year Dr Brendan Deasy made his appearance on the junior school games scene as referee and trainer of rugby and as a trainer and umpire for cricket, and the college has not had a more dedicated friend and sponsor throughout its one hundred year history. For seventeen years, in spite of an extremely heavy work load in his professional life, he never failed to appear on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, as regular as clockwork, hail, rain or snow, a model of dedication.

In 1976-77 a group of parents, most of whom were also past pupils, suggested that no boy should play in any team other than his own age-group, no matter how talented. It was felt that at this stage any boy big for his age would be better off with those of his own age than with maturer boys. Friendly games were played with other schools, especially the sister colleges, but new ground was broken when St John Fisher College in London sent over, with their SCT, an under-11 team. It was a harbinger of things to come. Kilkenny RFC also invited Under-11s and U-12s, and returned the visit later in the season. Matt Gilsenan and the Ladies' Committee of the RFC generously were hosts to the visitors.

By 1977-78 Dr Deasy and John Carvill had joined forces to look after the U-12s, the senior team in the junior school, arranging fixtures within the metropolitan area and also away to Kilkenny and Garryowen. Then, for the first time for the junior school, a team crossed the sea to engage St John Fisher School and Donhead. The U-11s confined their forays to Kilkenny, the U-10s to the Dublin area, while the U-9s were considered not yet ready to go public. And all this time the internal games in the Holy Childhood, Minor and Juvenile Leagues were contested vociferously and vehemently. The coaches already mentioned, as well as Messrs Begley, Mallon and Hughes of the junior staff, were helped at various times by Val Joyce, Milo Lynch and Billy Byrne among others.

In 1978-79 Navan and Longford were among the venues added to the lengthening list of away fixtures, but the biggest challenge of all was the game against a Bridgend side selected from among the 37 schools in the district around Bridgend. This was the first of the visits to Wales, which have since become as regular as Christmas. It was a great undertaking and great credit must be given to Dr Deasy, John Carvill and others who undertook the responsibility of looking after so many boys and returning them safely to the bosom of their families.

The pattern in 1979-80 was for Wednesdays to be devoted to the internal school leagues

and practice, while Saturday mornings were given over to inter-school games. The U-9s and U-10s succeeded each other on the front field, three games being played across the field simultaneously. As Kenilworth was needed for the senior school, the St Mary's Club generously permitted the U-11s and U-12s to play in Templeville Road. V. Joyce, B. Byrne, M. Lynch and J. Roche looked after the U-9s; Richard Hughes the U-10s, J. Cunningham and S. Tracey the U-11s; Dr Deasy, J. Carvill and J. Byrne the U-12s. Paul Thornton, Pat McCarthy and M. Hughes assisted on Wednesdays. The U-10s entered a Mini-Rugby Festival organised by Pepsi-Cola at Belfield and won their section which qualified them for the finals in Carlow where they were joint winners with Palmerston RFC. When the Welsh boys came to Dublin for their return visit they were presented to the Lord Mayor in the Mansion House.

In 1980-81 Mr David Dunne of the staff looked after the U-9s, who lost only 3 games in the year. Billy Byrne's U-10s had a mixed season, but the U-11s with John Cunningham, Stephen Tracey and Jimmy Byrne, won every match they played. Not to be outdone, the U-12s had a very fine season, managed by John Carvill, Paul Thornton and Dr Deasy, they lost only to Brynteg on their tour of Wales, but compensated for this with a resounding victory over the same opponents when they got them in Rathmines. On this tour to Wales, the U-11s and U-12s were accompanied by Dr Deasy, John and Mrs Cunningham, Stephen and Mrs Tracey, John and Mrs Carvill, Frank Montague and David Dunne. It is interesting that one of the teams they played was Archbishop McGrath School, named after Cardiff's archbishop who, coincidentally was a prefect in St Mary's in the early years of the century during the presidency of Dr Crehan. The Welsh schools returned the visit later, and this was to be the pattern in the years that followed, the boys staying in the homes of their opponents.

Mr Colm Sweeney joined the junior school staff in 1981-82 and liaised with the group of parents looking after the teams, Tony Kearney, Ray Joyce, Frank Keogh, Ronnie Regan, George Saab, Ted Finn and Billy Byrne, as well as the old brigade of John Cunningham, Steve Tracey, John Carvill and Dr Deasy. For the first year fixtures were arranged even for the U-8s, who refused to be left out. The Welsh Tour continued to be successful, home and away, Yvonne Finn led a team of devoted mothers who formed a Tea Committee and Freda Byrne organised a 'cake sale' in aid of the missions on 'Finals Day'. Paul Thornton and James Graham joined John Carvill and Dr Deasy in 1982-83 in coaching the U-12s, who put out three teams every week, regretting there were not enough teams to test them. Pres Cork was added to the list of opponents and were played at home and away. The Brynteg Welsh teams came in October instead of the end of the season, bringing U-14 and U-18s with them. In the return fixture in March three U-12 and three U-11 teams went, over 100 boys in all.

In February 1988 the Welsh arrived, but were unfortunate to lose all their matches. However, they appreciated the hospitality off the field.

In October 1988 a Poker Classic was organised in the Rathmines Inn to raise funds for the U-12 tour to Wales. In November 1988 a Table Quiz in St Mary's RFC raised further funds for the same good cause. The exchange of visits with Welsh schools continues to this day.

CRICKET

The cricket season was always at the mercy, not only of the weather, but of what was happening on the rugby pitch. At best it lasted just about one month, so that if match practice did not begin until mid-April, teams found themselves totally unprepared for the Cup and League matches which of necessity have to start early in the season if they are to be completed before the schools close for the summer. Any undue delay in completing



Mark Raftery-Skehan



*St. Mary's Representatives on the Leinster Cricket Club
Under 15 Team, 1986*

the rugby season can seriously impair the start of the cricket. And this can happen even if those who play cricket are not also those who play rugby. In small schools like St Mary's the two are usually synonymous.

1981-82 turned out to be a good year. The rugby season ended promptly enough and the weather was perfect. Six players, Alan Delaney (captain), Conor Murphy, Peter MacGiolla Riogh, Vincent Cunningham, Neil Briddock and Vincent Merriman were members of Leinster CC and were strongly supported by Arthur McEvoy, Gerry Cross, Hugh Mullen and a few others. So, it was the makings of a good team. Conor Murphy was picked for Leinster Schools and for the Irish Schools. 2nd Senior cricket is played in a more cavalier, 'Ian Botham' fashion (little practice, plenty of panache) and consequently, matches which could have been won were lost by catches dropped from unpractised hands. But, it was enjoyable cricket.

Vincent Cunningham, as an established member of the SCT, was the obvious choice for captain of the JCT, and he vindicated this choice by easily topping the batting averages.

Winter dragged on to the end of May in 1982-83 making a shambles of the cricket season. The League was crammed into a few days without any preparation. Vincent Cunningham was top scorer and Hugh Mullen bowled himself into the ground. Gerry Cross captained the team, assisted by Arthur McEvoy.

Adrian Hoey and Liam O'Donoghue were picked from the JCT to play for Leinster U-15 in an All-Ireland competition.

1983-84 was a vast improvement from the point of view of the weather. Vincent Cunningham was captain of the SCT and earned his selection, along with Liam O'Donoghue, for Leinster Schools against Ulster. He continued his good form with his strong batting for Leinster CC 2nd XI, who won their Section Cup.

1984-85 was a bench-mark year for cricket in St Mary's, in fact for schools cricket in general in Leinster, because it was the first year for 45 years that the maestro, 'Père' Barry, was not at the helm. It could also be taken as the watershed for cricket in St Mary's because it was all downhill after that, not because of the departure of Fr Barry but because his departure coincided with the general decline in interest in cricket, not only in St Mary's, but throughout the entire province. From that until the end of the decade cricket was even more of a 'cinderella' sport than ever, kept alive in St Mary's mainly by the efforts of a number of dedicated teachers and friends of the junior school

and enthusiastic players in the senior school who were members of Leinster CC, CYMS CC and other cricket clubs.

St Mary's did field an SCT, U-14 and two U-13 teams that season. Vincent Cunningham led the SCT and went on to be capped for both Leinster and the Irish Schools, thus becoming one of the very few to be capped at both rugby and cricket at schools level. The U-14 team was the best in the school. It was captained by Martin Stuart who played a captain's part in the opening match against St Columba's by taking 6 for 49. However, the side usually proved too venturesome with the bat. A win over Wesley was noteworthy because of the bowling of Joe Healy who took four wickets with four successive balls, missing the fifth only because of a dropped catch! An innovation that season was a Father-and-Son festival played at Kenilworth under special mini-cricket rules which gave Father-and-Son pairings four overs in which to score as well as they could.

1985-86 was the season when cricket pride was restored in St Mary's. When a school has gone without a League win for six years, the only ways to go are up or out. Happily St Mary's chose to go up. The early part of the short season was spoiled by the usual downpours and only one practice match could be played before the league started. The League began with two losses. However, luck changed after that and in the match with Belvedere St Mary's recorded their first League win for nearly ten years. O'Donoghue bowled superbly, taking 6 for 34, McCarthy and Hoey shared the rest. In the final match, only the rain saved High School from a drubbing. With figures of 4 for 9 at one stage Liam O'Donoghue was running through the batting order when the rain stopped the match. The High School were 48 for 7. Liam finished with figures of 6 for 18 in 18 overs. That draw put their opponents into the final which they easily won.

The U-14s under Brian Cotter, Jun. made a brave fight of it in their League. It was in this competition that Mark Raftery-Skehan began to show his ability at the game, scoring 31 (out of 42) in the last match. The U-13 game against Sandford Park was the outstanding game of the competition, 297 runs scored off 50 overs. A six was needed off the last ball to save the match, but it did not come.

Six St Mary's boys figured in the Leinster CC Under-15 side which won both the Leinster Cricket Union and All-Ireland Under-15 Cups, Matthew McCarthy (capt.), Adrian Hoey, John Whelan, Shane Tracey, Paul Leech and Kevin McDevitt. Adrian hit his maiden century in competitive cricket, while John Whelan was named Man-of-the-Match for a fighting innings in the Leinster final.

1986-87 saw the withdrawal of St Mary's from the Senior League because Leaving Cert commitments made too great a gap in the ranks of the players.

In 1987-88 only one match out of six was won by the SCT and that was against the Past. The outstanding player was Mark Raftery-Skehan who won his place on the Senior CYMS XI, was captain of Leinster U-15 Interprovincial XI, captain of CYMS All-Ireland-winning U-15 XI which also won the Yates-Hale Cup, was top-scorer in the Leinster Interprovincial XI 1987, CYMS U-15 Player-of-the-Year 1987, captain CYMS U-15 XI 1988.

TENNIS

The weather could not be blamed for any shortcomings on the tennis scene in 1981-82. For once the sun shone throughout May. The Senior competition is on a knock-out basis unlike the Junior and Minor which are on a league basis. The Minors showed great promise in beating Killashee and Wesley after an unexpected defeat by King's Hospital.

In 1983-84 all 'home' matches were played on the Dublin Municipal courts in Bushy Park.

Nine matches were crowded into a two-week spell to complete the tennis season in

1984-85. The Minors again did best. They played Belvedere (2-3); Terenure 'B' (5-0); Sandford Park (3-2) and Gormanston (3-2). St Mary's were now in the 2nd Round where they were paired once more with Gormanston. The match stood at 2-2 when the first doubles went to 13-13 in the third and final set, so rather unorthodox methods were used to bring the tie to an end, to the chagrin of the St Mary's pair, Ronan Hogan and Maitiu McCarthy.

Like the Minors the year before, both Juniors and Minors went further than the school had been accustomed to in their Leagues in 1985-86. The Juniors, probably the most talented squad to represent the school for a number of years, were anchored by four players who played all year round in clubs outside school, which offset the usual disadvantage normally experienced by St Mary's when facing schools equipped with all-weather courts. They played CBC Monkstown (3-2) in a marathon of over four hours, Castleknock (3-2) in a 'home' game played at Rathgar LTC for the first time; Sutton Park (5-0) and Clongowes (3-2). This put them into a semi-final with CUS which was played in gale force winds and resulted in a 1-3 loss with one match unfinished. The Minors played King's Hospital (3-0), St Macdara's CS (3-0), Killashee (3-0) and St Benildus (2-3). The outstanding player was Declan Kearney who dropped only one set in all his encounters.

The good showing by the Juniors and Minors the year before continued in the 1986-87 season which saw the Seniors reach the Leinster 'B' semi-final and the Juniors reach the Junior "B" final. The Seniors got past the first round in the Cup for the first time in living memory with a 5-1 win against Wesley, followed by a win over Terenure (4-3) which put them into the semi-final against Newbridge who proved too strong, only Gary Halpin winning in a 1-4 loss. The Juniors had wins against Blackrock (3-0), Wesley (4-1) and Salesian College (4-0) which set up a quarter-final match against CUS, their semi-final conquerors the previous year. The revenge was sweet, 3-1. The semi-final with Clongowes offered no great difficulty, ending 4-0. The final in Templeogue LTC was with Gormanston, frequent winners of the trophy over the years. The St Mary's team was: Robert McHugh, Gary Halpin, Declan Kearney, Brian Hanlon, Kevin Nowlan, John McNally and John Whelan. Robert won handily 6-1, 6-1, Gareth and Declan also won to give a 3-2 victory and the first tennis trophy to grace the sideboard of St Mary's.



*John-Kevin Moran
Leinster Interprovincial
Cycling Team 1987
10th in 2-day Irish Road Race.*



*Dara O'Flynn
Irish Squash Champion 1986.*

In 1987-88 the improvement witnessed the previous year when the Seniors succeeded in clearing the first hurdle in the Cup was maintained with a win over Malahide CS (4-1), with Robert McHugh at No. 1, Alan Cooke at No. 2, Gareth Halpin at No. 3 and Neil Campion at No. 5 victorious. Clongowes put a stop to that run 4-0. However, the Minors turned up trumps in their grade, reaching the final. They won their first match 3-0 against Belvedere and their second against Gonzaga 4-0. They took three matches against Castleknock to win and then edged Templeogue 3-2 to win the Section. The semi-final was with St Gerard's and it gave them a comfortable win, 4-1, to set up the final against The High School at Sutton. A good singles win by Tom O'Connell and a doubles by the ever reliable Patrick Doddy and Breon White were not enough and High School took the Cup 3-2.

In 1989-90 the SCT met and went under to Newbridge in the their first match, 1-4. In a return match they improved on their earlier showing by taking two games in a 2-4 loss. Later they beat Moyle Park, but went under to Terenure in the Cup, 1-4.

The Juniors whitewashed King's Hospital 5-0 in their first match and then went on to beat Wesley. They also whitewashed Terenure before going on to hold Gonzaga to 2-3. For their efforts they were awarded the Junior Plate.

The Minors beat Malahide CS 5-0 and then beat St Conleth's 3-0, before going under to Terenure and Gonzaga.

SQUASH

As we saw in the previous chapter, in Ciaran Maher St Mary's had an outstanding exponent of the game of squash. It seemed a pity not to avail of this ability at schools level, so, although there are no facilities for the game in the school, two brave souls were found to form a team with Ciaran and take on the world. These were Arthur McEvoy and Stephen Tee, two stalwarts who could never pass up a challenge. Lack of match experience did not faze them nor dampen their enthusiasm nor prevent them from playing admirably in all their matches. The team began well with a 2-1 win over De La Salle and followed this with another win, over St Conleth's, 3-0. A good start may be half the work but the other half can be a problem, sometimes. The next match was with Pres. Glasthule, the eventual winners of the Cup and 0-3 was the result. St Fintan's Sutton ceded a walk-over when they failed to raise a team. For a first effort in this discipline it was admirable and the greatest credit is due to the team for the success of their maiden voyage.

In 1986 Dara O'Flynn won the U-16 Irish Open and was Runner-up in the Irish Close Squash Championships. He was a member of the Leinster Interprovincial Squash Team, winner of the Leinster U-19 'A' Plate Closed, U-19 'B' Irish Open and member of the U-19 Leinster squad.

GOLF

A team of Seniors was formed to contest the Leinster Schools Tournament in 1981-82. They were: Peter MacGiolla Riogh, Denis Byrne, Killian Cregan (all 6th Year), Arthur McEvoy and Paul Donovan of 5th Year. The tournament is League based. St Mary's were in a section with Terenure, Gonzaga and St Mark's, and teams were made up of two pairs. In the first match McEvoy and Cregan won the first game 2 up but Donovan and MacGiolla Riogh went 3 down. In the second match, at Milltown against Gonzaga, St Mary's won both, MacGiolla Riogh and Byrne 3 up and Arthur and Killian 1 up. In the third match, played at the Castle, St Mary's had not only to win but to win by four holes to advance. MacGiolla Riogh and Byrne did well, winning 4 up, but Cregan and McEvoy were unable to hold their opponents and finished 2 down.

In 1986-87 St Mary's were represented by B. McCarthy, M. Leo, C. Hanratty, C. Keogh, T. Lavin and P. Sheehan.

In 1987-88 Ciaran Keogh, Troy Lavin, Paul Sheehan and Brian McCarthy were matched with Coláiste Éanna. C. Buckley, D. Keegan, M. Leo, G. Halpin and A. Cooke made up the squad.

MARTIAL ARTS

The various forms of Martial Arts are not officially pursued in St Mary's, but quite a number of students engage in them privately. One such student was Andrew Byrne of 1st Year who won third place in Ireland in the Taekwon-Do Championships in 1985.

CYCLING

Many students are involved outside school in the sport of cycling. The exploits of Ireland's Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche had given a fillip to the sport in the minds of every youngster in the land. Cycle races had always figured in the Annual College Sports and we have seen that as far back as the 1890s cycle racing was incorporated in school activities and that there was a cycle track in the back field. However, there was never organised cycle racing as an on-going sport in the school, and boys who wanted to pursue the sport did so outside school. John Kevin Moran was one. He was selected on the 1988 Leinster U-17 Interprovincial Cycling Team. He came 10th out of 600 in the Leinster 2-Day Stage Race, and 2nd in the U-16 Orwell Wheelers. His brother James came 13th out of 350 in the U-14 Irish Championship Classic and winner of the Orwell Wheelers Championship.

Paul Lee became Junior Champion in 1987. The *Irish Times* declared that he "was clearly the best in the junior race. His surge on the hill for the last of the 15 laps left the opposition trailing".



Golf Team, 1988

*C. Buckley,
D. Keegan,
M. Leo,
G. Halpin,
A. Cooke.*



*All-Ireland Under 15 Relay Winners, 1988
P. Moloney, E. Ormond, O. Ribgy, C. Lucey.*



*Denis Hickie
All-Ireland 100m Champion, 1990*

ATHLETICS

Considering the small number of boys who seriously pursue athletics in the school, the results during the final decade of the school's century were commendable.

Mark McSweeney won the Victor Ludorum award for the second year in 1981-82, but Brendan Cassidy broke the school 400m record for the outstanding performance in the School's Sports. In the West Leinster Schools Championships Mark won the Senior 100m and 200m and helped the Senior Relay team to 2nd Place. Owen White was 2nd in the Inter 400m and 200m, while Dee was 3rd in the 100m and Brendan McGreen was 3rd in the 3000m. In the Junior Section Hoey was 1st in the 100m.

The athletics squad in 1987-88 included I. O'Neill, E. Ormond, R. Murphy, C. Lucey, K. Connolly, P. Moloney, M. McLaughlin, O. Rigby and A. Finn. The Junior Relay Team of P. Moloney, E. Ormond, O. Rigby and C. Lucey won the Regional, Leinster and All-Ireland relays in Belfield.

SCOUTS

In 1981-82 Tom Shanahan was Unit Leader with Tony Dalton and Pat Shaffrey as treasurer and secretary respectively and Fr Stephen Maher remained chaplain. The Section leaders were: Cub, Richard Byrne; 6th Troop, John Larney; 7th Declan Sheehan; 8th Pat Stephenson; Venturers Dermot Rafter. By October all sections were up and running and engaging in week-end hikes and outings. At Christmas the 6th went to Aughavanagh Hostel, the 7th and 8th to Knockree Hostel, the Cubs had their Christmas Party. The Annual Investiture took place in January and the Cheese-and-Wine fund-raising function in the RFC premises in February. At Easter all three scout troops camped at Larch Hill. The Unit participated in a Thanksgiving Service marking the 75th Anniversary of World Scouting. The Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland joined with the other scouting organisations in Ireland in an Ecumenical Service held in Blackrock College. The St Mary's Unit was asked to look after the choral singing and verse-speaking, so Miss Cranny and Fr Peter Raftery were drafted in to create a choir from among the members of the unit. This involved a lot of work and regular practices in the cold, dark evenings of February and



Guard of Honour at the Mansion House Dublin, for the National Council, CBSI, 1988.

March. The result was a credit to their mentors and the college because they acquitted themselves with distinction in their appearance, discipline and performance. Chief guests were His Excellency, the President, and His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, members of the Hierarchy and the Diplomatic Corps. The choir gave fine renderings of an old Irish folk song, My Singing Bird, Beethoven's Ode To Joy and the hymn O Praise Ye The Lord and as the whole assembly rose to their feet, Let There Be Peace. The solo part of this last was sung at short notice by Michael McCarthy of 6th Year. Peter Gilligan recited Cuigi na hEireann and former Leader Pat Leahy acted the part of Lord Baden-Powell. Other St Mary's scouts had solo parts in the verse-speaking recital. It was a contribution to an important occasion of which to be proud.

Changes in the leadership in 1982-83 included Pat Stephenson taking over as treasurer from Tony Dalton, Jerry Coughlin replacing him in the 8th, Michael Power taking on the 7th and Ian Delaney the Venturers. The total unit membership was now 150 in 3 Troops of 35 each, Cub Pack of about 35 and Venturers for 16-18 year-olds. Inverin in Galway and Aughavannagh were the Christmas venues, while the Cubs partied in the Den. 6th and 7th participated in a Scout Craft weekend in Larch Hill, winning the Fr Ailbe Trophy for spreading the brotherhood of scouting.

Ian Delaney took over as treasurer in 1983-84 while Brian Leahy replaced him with the Venturers. Pat Leahy took over the 7th. The Christmas venues continued to be Knockree and Aughavannagh. After that the weekends were crowded with regional activities, camp fires, camp craft, quizzes and Regional Mass. Early in the year the Unit Council decided to extend the Scout Den and to form a second Cub Pack. The plan was aired at the Cheese-and-Wine function and warmly received by the parents and friends. The Venturers' spirit was revived under Brian Leahy with Peter Graham's help. They met every second Sunday and planned their activities which included Ten-Pin Bowling at Stillorgan, week-ends in Blackwater, Co Wexford and Ballymoney also in Wexford, the houses provided by Peter Graham and the Funge family. At Easter they took bicycles on the train and hostelled in Aghadoe, Killarney,

making a 100-mile Ring of Kerry cycle trip. For the Summer Camp they chose Glenbeigh, county Kerry.

In 1984-85 a new post of Unit Trainer was created and Tom Shanahan took it on. Pat Shaffrey replaced him as Unit Leader and Linda Roberts took on the job of Unit Secretary. Pat McCarthy took over 6th Troop, Ronan Hughes the 8th and John Larney the Venturers. The new Cub Pack was formed and Inez Crowe became its first Leader. Tigh Linn was an enjoyable alternative to Aughavannagh for the 7th at Christmas. A Unit Social was held in Courtown Hotel for 25 leaders, at which Mr Michael and Mrs Hassett, Regional Commissioner, were guests of honour. The Unit collected £200 for the mission in Brazil of former chaplain, Fr David Darcy who was home on leave and joined Fr Maher in a Mass to celebrate the topping out of the new Den Extension. The 6th stayed at home for a change for summer camp, joining 10,000 scouts from all over the world in a Scout Jamboree at Portumna. The President, Dr Hillery, performed the opening ceremony. The Venturers ventured to France to brush up on their oral French. The campsite outside Paris was ideal for touring the countryside and the city.

Liam Byrne and Mary Irving became the Cub Pack Leaders in 1985-86, Eddie Byrne took on the 6th, Dermot Rafter the 8th, while Inez Crowe replaced Tom Shanahan as Unit Trainer. The new Den Extension was beginning to come into full use, although there were still a few things to be done, space heating, hot water, tarmacadam on path, which necessitated further fund-raising. There were two Investiture ceremonies in early December on successive Sundays. Tigh Linn, Knockree and Killarney were the venues for the Christmas weekends.

The post of Unit Trainer was abolished in 1986-87. Richard Byrne became Unit Leader, Leonard Lynch took over the Cub 'A' Pack, Martin Watts the 7th and Pat Leahy the Venturers and Pat Shaffrey reverted to secretary once more. A Cake Sale was held in the Den and it was hoped it would become an annual fund-raising event like the Cheese-and-Wine Party which by now had become as much a part of the college scene as the annual Musical or Sports Day. Former Unit Leader Tom Shanahan became Regional Commissioner, taking over from Michael Hassett, and was the first Scouter from the Unit to take the post.

Morgan Crowe became Unit Treasurer in 1987-88 while David Fitzsimons took over the Cubs 'A' Pack and John Nolan the 6th Troop from Edward Byrne who moved to

8th Troop at Dublin Airport before departure to Summer Camp in Wisconsin, USA, 1990.



the Venturers. A break with tradition was embarked upon when it was decided to invite girls into the Venturers. It was not without controversy but opinions were freely aired before the decision was made. In the event it proved an excellent move. The Scout Troops went hostelling in Wicklow at Christmas, the 5th Year Venturers to Killarney and the 6th Year to Newport, Mayo. During the year the chaplain, Fr Stephen Maher, and his immediate predecessor, Fr David Darcy, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their ordination and honoured the Unit by concelebrating Mass in the Den which was followed by a get-together in the true spirit and tradition of St Mary's scouting. A very sad sequel to this happy event was the shocking news of the death of Fr Darcy from cancer just when a fruitful life on the missions seemed to be opening up for him. Scouting in St Mary's is deeply indebted to him.

6th Year Venturers were the group into which the girls infiltrated, very tentatively, at first. The first outing went with a bang, at least for some, when they went ice-skating in Dolphin's Barn Ice Rink. A weekend in Tigh Linn helped to meld the different elements which hikes and carol-singing for charity further strengthened. The first Investiture of girls took place in January 1988 in the College Chapel. Elaine McDwyer had the honour of being No.1.

The Annual Investiture ceremony took place on December 2 in 1989-90 and the Cheese-and-Wine fund-raiser in the RFC premises for a change. It was well attended. April 9-16 was designated Bob-a-Job Week and generated a tidy sum. To mark the College's Centenary, the St Mary's Scouting Unit organised an At Home in Kenilworth which featured such esoteric events as Wellington-boot Throwing, Tug-of-War, Hot-Dog-Eating, Abseiling, Obstacle Racing.

SUMMER CAMPS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Camp-Site</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Leader</i>
1981	Youlbury, Ox. (7th)	Fr S. Maher	John Sheehan
	Walesby, Notts. (8th)		Dermot Rafter
	Downe, Kent (6th)		Ian Delaney
	Courtown (Cubs)		Anne Costello
1982	Walesby (7th)		Declan Sheehan
	Phasel's Wood (8th)		Pat Stephenson
	Youlbury (6th)		John Larney
	Lough Dan (Cubs)		Richard Byrne
1983	Chalfont, Bucks (7th)		Michael Power
	Torquay, Devon (8th)		Gerry Coughlin
	Aberdeen (6th)		John Larney
	Lough Dan (Cubs)		Richard Byrne
1984	Aberdeen (7th)		Pat Leahy
	Youlbury (8th)		John Larney
	Chalfont Heights (6th)		John Larney
	Courtown (Cubs)		Richard Byrne
1985	Downe, Kent (7th)		Pat Leahy
	Deal, Kent (8th)		Ronan Hughes
	Portumna Jamboree (6th)		Edward Byrne
	Courtown (Cubs)		Byrne/Crowe

1986	Youlbury (7th)	Pat Leahy
	Walesby (8th)	Dermot Rafter
	Downe (6th)	Edward Byrne
	Courtown (Cubs)	Byrne/Crowe
1987	Walesby (7th)	Martin Watts
	Machynlleth, Wales (8th)	Dermot Rafter
	Walesby (6th)	Edward Byrne
	Courtown (Cubs)	Lynch/Crowe
1988	Chalfont (7th)	Martin Watts
	Walesby (8th)	Dermot Rafter
	Youlbury (6th)	John Nolan
	Aughavannagh (A Pack)	Leonard Lynch
	Courtown (B Pack)	David Fitzsimons
1989	Castleconnell (7th)	Paul Roche
	Lough Dan (8th)	Dermot Rafter
	Downe (6th)	John Nolan
	Smarmore, Ardee (A)	A-M. Griffin
	Courtown (B)	Mary Irving
1990	Walesby (7th)	Paul Roche
	Wisconson, USA (8th)	Dermot Rafter
	Walesby (6th)	Niall Tracy
	Saggart (A & B)	Griffin/Hickey

ORIENTEERING

The Orienteering Club was set up by Mr Noel Doyle the geography professor and Jim Kirby of the senior staff in 1983-84 and was affiliated to the Leinster Schools Orienteering Association, and from its inception took part in the Leagues and Championships organised by the Association. In 1984-85 they helped organise an event in Tiglin in county Wicklow. In the 1985-86 season the Club took part in a number of inter-school events. Colm Stephenson came 5th on the Three Rock course in the M15 classification while Robert Daly and Daniel Keogan were 5th and 8th respectively in the Phoenix Park. Laurence Doddy did well to come in in the first ten on the Killiney Hill run. At an event at Tiglin, the St Mary's club helped in the organisation, manning the starting and finishing posts and selling the maps. The LSOA Championships were held in Ballinasloe in April in good conditions and St Mary's just missed out on winning the Bank of Ireland trophy. In May an award ceremony was held for the best orienteerer in the different age groups. Robert Daly in M17, Laurence Doddy in M15 and Darragh O'Toole and Karl Dunne in M13 were the winners.

1986-87 was an equally successful year for orienteering in St Mary's. After initial recruiting by Mr Doyle and Mr Kirby, 2nd Year were taken out to Bushy Park to show them what it was all about in a mini-orienteering event. In the New Year came the Leagues, in which style, points and time all counted. The League finals were held in the Pine Forest and the members acquitted themselves well.

The 1987-88 year had hardly begun when recruiting for the Orienteering Club got underway. On March 8, they had an outing to Hollywood. Entries were enormous until it was discovered that the Hollywood in question was in Wicklow county and not in the county of Los Angeles.



Inaugural Debs' Dance, Gresham Hotel, 1982.

DEBS DANCE

In October 1982, the 6th Year of 1981-82 held a Debs Dinner Dance in the Gresham Hotel to mark the cutting of their umbilical cord with the college that nurtured them so assiduously through their years of formation. This event signalled their entry into the great world 'out there' where they were to put to good use the knowledge, skills and wisdom they had acquired at their parents' expense and in the sweat of their teachers' brows. It was to be the first test of their ability to handle the new-found freedom and responsibility that came with their new status of grown-ups. If that night was any indication, their lessons had been well learned. It was a colourful and memorable evening, enjoyed not only by the 6th Year and their ladies, but by the guests who included the President, Fr O'Reilly, the Dean, Fr Godfrey, the teaching staff, Mr Christy Maguire, President of the PPU and Mrs Maguire, Mr Bill Fagan, President of the RFC and Mrs Fagan, Mr Brian Cotter, rugby coach, and Mrs Isobel Cotter, senior school secretary. The school captain, John O'Connell was flanked by his colleagues, Alan Delaney, who acted as MC, and Leonard Lynch.

The Annual 'Debs' Dance has been a feature of the school calendar since that day. The evening begins with the boys, together with the ladies they are escorting and the boys' parents, meeting in the college for refreshments as an introductory get-together, before the couples set out for the hotel booked for the occasion. Parents and staff members provide the chaperones for the evening.

THE PAST PUPILS' UNION

The successive Presidents at this period were Matt Gilsenan, Christy Maguire, Douglas Thornton, Brian Whelan, Enda Hession, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Brian Cotter, Barney Moran and Frank Dowling.

The Union continued to flourish to the end of the decade in all its branches and activities.

Since the Annual General Meeting, at which the President of the coming year is elected, took place generally in May of each year, the Union year began at that time and not in September with the beginning of the school year. This made for some overlapping in reporting events chronologically, especially as some Union events took place during the school summer holidays. Happily for historians, a change was effected in 1985 and the second Sunday in September was decided on as the most suitable date for the Annual General Meeting and election of officers for the coming year. In 1988 a Past Pupils 'Diary' was brought out for the first time, containing the names and addresses of all paid-up members of the Union, and has since proved very useful.

Annual Mass

The Annual Mass for the deceased past pupils and members of the staff in November had become one of the enduring events of the Union year, the attendance growing in numbers every year.

Annual Dinner

After the Annual Mass, the Annual Union Dinner was probably the most important event of the year. As had become customary, it was held during this period in the college itself in late November, the numbers attending growing from 125 in 1981 to 166 past pupils and 25 guests in 1990. Since the capacity of the college hall is only, at a squeeze, 200, it was found necessary before the decade ended to turn away quite a number who wished to attend. A happy fault, but perhaps alternative arrangements could be made. On one occasion the Junior Staff Room adjoining the hall was pressed into service for the overflow, but this destroyed the unity which should mark the occasion and was not considered a success.

Annual Dance

The Braemor Rooms in Churchtown, the Gresham Hotel, and the Montrose were the venues for the first three Supper dances with varying results. Then it was decided to try the Grange Golf Club, of which many past pupils are members, and this proved so successful that that was the venue for the rest of decade. A feature of the dance has always been the raffle run by the Ladies Committee, without which it would be impossible to continue the function. The main prize for the raffle has occasionally been donated by a travel firm, such as Irish Continental Lines in 1981-82.

Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate

This Annual Debate, between the past and present pupils, inaugurated in 1980-81 in memory of former president of the Union and of the rugby club, Lorcan C. Gogan, quickly established itself as one of the highlights of the Union's annual activities. Paddy Funge presented a trophy to be awarded every year to the student adjudged the best speaker at this debate.

Ten Years Out

A function inaugurated for younger members of the Union and called 'Ten Years Out' was organised in 1981-82 as part of the 'Farewell Party' in honour of Père Barry on the occasion of his retirement from active teaching in the college after 47 years.

This event has been reported elsewhere in this book. Held in the college hall, the event continued to grow in popularity throughout the decade as it gave an opportunity to the more recent past to get together with their own age groups in a way in which the Annual

Dinner does not allow. It also gave an opportunity of meeting the staff on a more equal footing which was welcomed by their former students. In 1985-86 the format was changed from a Cheese-and-Wine affair to a Beer occasion which found much favour. In 1987-88 the Rugby Club and Guinness Group Sales generously donated a barrel each, as did the Club and Furstenburg in 88-89. Over 100, along with members of the staff and the community, attended the function in the Centenary Year. It is in the nature of things that those who left in the more recent past were more numerous than those longer out, life and work having the tendency to scatter people, but it is still considered a worthwhile project in the effort of attaching the past to the school.

Golfing Society

The President's Prize in 1981-82 was competed for in Milltown and over 90 played. Matt Doolan won the Union Cup. The second outing, to The Grange, saw the inauguration of the Memorial Trophy, subscribed for by friends of the late Benny Lynch. Benny's brothers and his son all took part and the Trophy was presented by Judge Kevin Lynch to the winner, Martin Murray, who was due to take over as captain from Diarmuid O'Donovan the following year. The annual outing of the sister unions, Blackrock, Rockwell and St Mary's was moved to Milltown this year and its success rescued this valuable event from extinction. Robbie Burke won the President's Prize and Union Cup, and Martin Murray retained the Benny Lynch Trophy in 1983-84. The tenure of the President continued for fifteen months 1984-85 in order to bring the Union year in line with the school year, so, there were two Union Golf Outings, the first in which Frank Murphy won the Cup and President's Prize, and the second when the winner was Tim Kelly. In September, Canice Wolahan won the Benny Lynch Trophy. In 1985-86 Brian Williams was the winner of the Benny Lynch, and a nephew of Benny, Niall Lynch, won the President's Prize and Union Cup. Thomas Murphy won the President's Prize and Union Cup at Milltown in 1986-87 off a 19 handicap, while Sean Cantwell (18) won the Benny Lynch. 74 played in the President's Prize in 1987-88 when John Hughes was the winner, AIFC Rathmines donating the prizes. By a quirk of fate, the 1989-90 competition was won by the in-coming Union President, Dan Coveney, with his brother Brian as runner-up. Over 100 played. A new trophy was on offer in the Combined Unions Outing, presented by Kimmage Holy Ghost Community and named the 'Kimmage Cup'. All five CSSp unions were well represented in the 73 players who contested the event. Templeogue won by one point from St Mary's. The Cup was accepted by Fr Noel Redmond and John Murphy. Blackrock union won the Kimmage Cup in 1988-89 with St Mary's once more runners-up. Each Union contributed £50 towards the prize fund. Templeogue won in 1990 and the proceeds of the outing, amounting to £600, were presented to Fr Brian McLaughlin, the Provincial.

Union Day

The spoil-sport weather almost washed out the 1981-82 Union Day held as usual in 'glorious' June in Kenilworth. Only the Soccer went ahead, but Johnny Bowden's tea in the cricket pavilion was all the more welcome. Soccer, cricket and tennis were all keenly contested before a large crowd in 1983-84 and again in 1984-85, but in 1985-86 weather once more spoiled things and the May 11 date had to be changed to June 8 when the sun shone down benignly on a happy crowd. The venue was changed to Templeville in 1986-87. A worried call to the Met Office on the morning of the first Sunday in June brought the news that the day would be cool and dry with a few scattered showers – it was wet and cold. But it mattered not. Tennis players had an enjoyable mixed doubles tournament, the cricketers smashed boundaries in all directions and the soccer was keenly contested.

Meanwhile, indoors the youngsters were fully catered for with an inflated play-castle, sack and egg-and-spoon races. Union Day in 1987-88 was cancelled because of the tragic death while attending the European Cup in Germany of Donal Lonergan, whose bereaved parents were visited by the Union President and Vice President. 1988-89 was a re-run of the wonderful day experienced on the first visit to Templeville two years previously. For the Centenary Year, there was a return to Kenilworth. Weather once more was unhelpful but a Seven-a-Side Soccer Tournament with teams representing the last 15 years of school-leavers (with an occasional 'ringer' thrown in for good measure) proved highly successful, while the more sedate 'oldies' took to the cricket and Johnny Bowden's tea-rooms, and the children to the 'inflated castle'.

Annual Retreat

The Annual one-day Retreat was revived in 1983-84 and held on Good Friday as had been the custom for many years. Past student Fr Brian Gogan, led the group of past students through a series of reflections culminating in the Solemn Good Friday liturgy celebrated with the community. During the 1984-85 Retreat, the discussions led to the formation of a Prayer Group of past pupils with their wives, meeting to discuss various aspects of faith, Christianity and their lives in relation to God. Fr Brian and Douglas Thornton continued to organise these Prayer Meetings throughout the rest of the decade, meeting every Tuesday from 8-10 p.m. in the college, except for the months of July and August. New members are most welcome. In 1989-90 Fr Ronan Grimshaw of Templeogue College conducted the Retreat, which began at 9.30 a.m. and ended with the Good Friday liturgy shared with the community at 3 p.m.

Parents Children Faith

The PCF Movement is very successful in St Mary's with over 100 parents and children taking part. There are five groups in formation and the students are drawn from 2nd to 5th Year. Each group consists of approximately ten parents and twelve students. The parents meet separately to discuss topics of faith. They meet five or six times a year, again in groups, with the students, and discuss these topics.

Aid-Link

Aid-Link was founded as a joint venture between Blackrock College and St Mary's in 1983. Its aim is to provide funds for various Third World countries under the direction of the Holy Ghost Fathers. The committee raises funds which are then matched by various national and international funds when a project is approved. Aid-Link has raised directly funds totalling £85,000 and this sum has been multiplied by funds from other bodies in Ireland and the European Community so that a total of £450,000 had, up to 1988, been donated by Aid-Link to Third World projects. Brian Whelan was the Union representative. In 1988 the Union was rather low on funds and sent only £500 to Aid-Link but this sum was matched by Aid-Link and forwarded to Fr Austin Healy, a past pupil, to help in the building of a church in Kenema, Sierra Leone.

Career Guidance

Paddy Fearon continued to organise with Mr Kevin Lewis, the school's careers guidance teacher, the most helpful series of talks to the 5th and 6th Year students from experts in every aspect of future employment in which the students might afterwards be engaged, business, industry and third-level education. They also organised the 'mock interviews' set up to allow 6th Year students obtain experience how to approach and conduct

themselves in job interviews, including the preparation of a curriculum vitae to present to a prospective employer.

Marian Boys Club

Union participation in the running of the Marian Boys Club in Gardiner Street ceased although individual members sat on the Management Committee under the chairmanship of Dermot Sullivan, in a private capacity. Since the work no longer functioned as an outlet for Catholic Action for the Union, in 1981-82 Dermot promised the Union that he hoped to have something definite to report in the near future. Following a meeting between Dermot and the President and Vice president of the Union in 1984-85, it was decided that the Union should maintain its links officially with the club and to this end a member would be appointed to represent the Union on the club committee. In November 1985 the Union officers and representatives of the club, Dermot Sullivan and Dermot Smyth, met in the Club premises and the Union members were greatly impressed with the state of the premises, which were being used by the Dublin Youth Theatre, and with the work being done to foster the dramatic ability and flair of the young people. Apart from this use of the club premises on behalf of the youth of the area, there is no longer any boys club attached to the house. In 1987-88 Douglas Thornton was asked by both the Union and the club to investigate the legal position of the club since it no longer functioned as a boys club *per se* and the possibility of its sale to the Youth Theatre.

Lenten Lectures

1983-84 saw the Union involved in assisting the College in the provision of a series of lectures during Lent for parents of the boys. Four topics were discussed the first year; adolescence, alternative careers, spiritual awareness and understanding of the media. Among the speakers were Ken Sparrow, past student and managing director of a technical equipment company, who died tragically young shortly afterwards, Fr Michael Paul Gallagher, SJ, wellknown sociologist, Fr Colm Kilcoyne, Director, Catholic Communications, and Mr John Waldron. The evenings proved to be most successful and repeated the following year with equal success. Unfortunately, this interest was not maintained and the project was abandoned.

Past Union Presidents

A pleasing and beneficial innovation towards the end of the decade was the practice of getting all available past presidents of the Union together for an informal meeting at which they were apprised of the condition of the Union and its forthcoming activities. Many organisations fail to make use of the fund of knowledge and wisdom and experience available in their own membership, and it is good to see that the St Mary's Union is not myopic. A score of past presidents attend these meetings.

ST MARY'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Floodlighting was added to the amenities provided in the St Mary's Lawn Tennis Club at Belmont Avenue in 1981-82. Michael Houlihan was president and Paddy Funge vice-president, Michael Heney, hon. sec. and Nigel Bennett, hon. treas. It was a year that also saw the official opening of the four new all-weather courts. The tennis 'year' runs from November to October which is near enough to the school year for chronology purposes. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Hon. Alexis Fitzgerald, TD, performed the official opening in April at a gala occasion. Present among the long list of dignitaries were past student, Gerard Brady, TD, Minister of State at the Dept. of the Environment,

*The Lord Mayor,
The Hon. Alexis
Fitzgerald,
performing the
opening ceremony of the
new Tennis Courts at
Belmont Avenue, 1982.*



Aldermen and Councillors of Dublin Corporation, representatives of all sections of the tennis world, local residents and general public, as well as the club members. The event was widely covered by press and television.

The second major event in the year was the visit of the club's friends from Holte-Schloss in Germany. Fund-raising by a sub-committee headed by Tom McKeogh realised £2,000 to cover the expenses of the visit which included an exhausting schedule of events facing the 20-strong party which arrived. A press reception was attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor and the President of the Irish Lawn Tennis Association and other guests. The week-long visit was a resounding success and culminated in an invitation to the junior members to visit Germany the following year. The juniors were the outstanding playing section in the club, winning the Saab Trophy at their first attempt. This tournament is open to clubs in the Dublin 4 and 6 areas. Through the year the newly installed lights extended the playing hours, and, indeed, the playing season, a change with which the club was slow to come to terms. However, it had the merit of making the club eligible for a much wider variety of competitions played in autumn and winter. In addition, the club received a growing number of requests to stage tournaments, requests the club found difficult to accept because of the anxiety of the members to use the courts themselves. The club captains were Colm O'Connor and Liz McCarthy.

ST MARY'S RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1981-82 was the year that Ireland won the Triple Crown for the first time since 1949 and the St Mary's RFC was doubly proud of the part two of its members played in these victories, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Ireland's captain and inspiring leader, and Paul Dean at centre. Earlier in the season Fitzgerald had been prevented by injury from playing against the touring Australians who won 16-12. Terry Kennedy, and Paul Dean, playing in the centre, also played and Tony Ward, who had played a major part in the Munster victory over the Tourists, was restored to out-half in the absence of the injured Campbell. Dean, Kennedy and Andreucetti were capped for Leinster, Fitzgerald, Quaid and McGuire for Connaught, though this galaxy of stars was not enough to bring success to the senior side.

However, this was more than made up for by the J3 who won both League and Moran Cup, J4 who won the J4 League, J5 who won the O'Connor Cup and the J8 who won the Guilfoyle Cup.

1982-83 was notable more for the honour bestowed on one member of the club than on the trophies garnered. Ciaran Fitzgerald became the 8th Irishman to captain the British and Irish Lions on an overseas tour, when he was picked to lead them to New Zealand. Fitzgerald was the subject of unprecedented vituperation from the British Press – in particular the 'quality' papers – which laced every report on the squad, before and during the tour, with snide remarks on his capacity for and his conduct of the position of captain. This opposition was found incredible by the press and people in the southern hemisphere and went a long way to undermining the spirit among the tourists and affecting their play. It was an altogether unhappy chapter in rugby's history, but through it all Fitzgerald comported himself with dignity, and even with good humour which won over all but his most wilful detractors.

At club level J1 were victorious in the Junior League under the captaincy of Eddie Wigglesworth, managed by Louis Roche and coached by Rodney O'Donnell. As the competitive season ended, the J8 literally 'stole' the Guilfoyle Cup from a very heavy and confident Palmerston outfit with a truly 'kamakazi' performance of commitment and dedication. The club's list of Interpros was as impressive as ever and included Terry Kennedy, Paul Dean, Declan Fanning, John O'Connor, Alex O'Regan, Tony Ward, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Hugh McGuire, Declan Howard and Jack Mannion. Newcomer to the club, scrum-half Alex O'Regan gained his 'B' international against England, while Tony Ward made a moving return to Lansdowne Road from the wilderness, when called from the bench as a sub against England. A very successful club seven-a-side was organised by Robin Bailey, coaching co-ordinator. Mervyn Johnson and Denis Nagle were joined on the ARLB by Joe Gallagher, while Tommy Kearns became Vice President of the Association.

The weekly dances organised by Gerry Ebbs and John Fair continued to be the financial mainstay of the club with considerable help from the monthly socials organised by Frank Kennedy and his team. Colm Bevan worked wonders at the Annual Dinner as did Eileen Treacy and 'Les Girls' on all occasions. The St Mary's Darts team won the Inter-Club competition under the captaincy of 'Shark' Murphy. Johnny Moloney branched out into the coaching field this year when appointed to take charge of the Leinster U-20 squad.

One sad occasion during the year was the retirement from the game through injury of Tony Hickie. Tony suffered a bad back injury when playing for the club and after recovery he was advised to hang up his boots. His injury points up the wisdom of the club in having qualified medical men in attendance at all matches. In this regard Dr Deasy and Dr Fogarty have been a tower of strength, not only to the club but to the Leinster Branch; Frank Dowling's attention to Tony Hickie on the occasion of his injury contributed greatly to his subsequent recovery, while numerous players owe their recovery from muscular injury to the attentions of Mick Glynn. The club owes a large debt to these and others down through the years.

1983-84 was another low-level year in achievement when compared with the halcyon days of the '70s. Only the J4 League title was won when victory in at least six other competitions seemed on the cards when the season opened. The frustration began when the U-19s went under to Trinity in the final of the McCorry Cup, a trophy St Mary's had not won since its inaugural year. The senior side fought a magnificent League campaign but were beaten in the final by Terenure. Hoping to do better in the Cup, they let victory over UCD slip away in the semi-final. A League and Cup double for the J4 under Dino Andreucetti looked a distinct possibility but a below-par performance against Old Belvedere in the semi put paid to that and they had to be content with the League Cup.



Ciaran Fitzgerald leading the charge to win the Triple Crown for Ireland, 1982.

Honours were profuse. Tony Ward, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Declan Howard, Hugh McGuire, Jack Mannion, Declan Fanning, Paul Dean, Terry Kennedy and Alex O'Regan were all honoured by their Provinces, as were Derek Dowling, Carl Egan, Dermot Quigley, Jody Fanagan, Brian Ahearne and Jonathan Garth at junior level. Peter Donnelly joined his clubmates in the Referees' Association, while Paddy Bolger and Vinnie McGovern continued their good work on the Branch, as did Johnny Moloney with the Leinster underage team. New floodlights were installed in November for training and a new perimeter wall in December, all due to the efficiency of a sub-committee of J. B. Sweeney, Brian Cotter and Arthur Costello. Michael Fanagan took over the running of the Club Dinner from Colm Bevan, who had assumed the duties of President, and maintained the standard.

If the previous year was considered a low point in the club's fortunes, it was nothing to 1984-85 when a whole series of disasters struck starting with the tragic and totally unexpected death of the president, Ken Sparrow, after only a few months in office. Ken was an outstanding student and a keen sportsman at school, and involved himself wholeheartedly in the affairs of the club and Union after leaving school. His loss to the club and Union was very great. Next came the resignation for domestic reasons of Jack Bagnall, the vice-president who would normally have taken over. This left the running of the club to the other officers, who did a commendable job. The next calamity that struck very nearly did for the club entirely. A case of suspected hepatitis was diagnosed among a few members, but spread quickly and soon 35 were laid low. The club moved quickly and marshalled the best health advice to remedy the situation, which allayed any anxieties among members and visiting teams, coupling with this excellent public relations work, although for a time it seemed to some as though the club might have to close down permanently. However, the club rose to the occasion and a spirit that had been dormant re-emerged to meet the challenge.

With the health hazard dealt with, the club endeavoured to shake itself free from the trauma and take up the threads on two fronts. The problem had brought to the fore the need for greater participation in the running of the club by more of the members. At two emergency general meetings, a number of sub-committees were formed to raise funds and raise morale by various activities. The second front was the playing field, and there every team gave its all to prove the club was alive and well. Four finals were contested, J1 which

was won, J2 which was won, J3 which should have been won but was lost by a point, and the President's Shield in Arklow, also won by the J1. On the international scene, St Mary's provided the captain of both Irish teams 'A' and 'B', in Ciaran Fitzgerald and Declan Fanning. Declan also captained the Leinster team. Paul Dean joined Ciaran on the Irish team that went on to win the Triple Crown and toured Japan with such success. Declan Ahearne was a Final Irish Trialist and a 'B' International. Alex O'Regan played for Leinster and Jim McShane for Connaught. Three of the coaching positions in Leinster were filled by St Mary's men, as eloquent a testimony as any to the expertise available to the club.

1985-86, without being a vintage year, was not without its successes. J1, captained by Frank Kennedy, coached by Rory O'Connor and managed by Dermot Tuohy won the League. J2 won the O'Connell Cup. J. Murphy was captain, Paul McInerney the manager, Greg Maher coach. The J3 League was won with B. Kennedy as captain, G. Browne coach. J8 won the Greenlea Cup. B. O'Sullivan was captain and Greg Maher coach.

1986-87 was a good year for a change. The Seniors, captained by Noel McCarthy, coached by Rory O'Connor and managed by Terry Young, won the Leinster Cup and only just failed to bring off the Cup and League double, losing the semi-final to Trinity by a point. J1 went down to Wanderers in the semi-final of the Metropolitan Cup. The J2 reached the League final and the Cup quarter-final. J3 won their League as well as the Old Wesley inaugural Festival competition. The J4 lost the quarter-final of the Winters Cup to the eventual winners, Greystones. The J5 went out similarly in the semi-final of the O'Connor Cup to eventual winners, Old Belvedere. J6 lost out in the final of the Fox Cup to Wanderers, and J7 went out at the semi-final stage to Blackrock. Paul Dean won four more Irish caps, while Ciaran Fitzgerald was a sub. Interprovincial honours went to Declan Fanning, Terry Kennedy and Paul Dean for Leinster, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Noel McCarthy and Mick Tarpey for Connaught. Vincent Cunningham, Tony Kavanagh and Kevin Potts were on the Championship-winning Leinster U-20 team coached by Johnny Moloney.

1987-88 ushered in a whole series of innovations under the Presidency of Jim Murray, opening up the club to the era of sponsorship, aimed at putting new technology at the service of the club in order to maintain the club's position at the forefront of the Irish rugby scene. The first sponsorship deal brought the Club £3,500 worth of Sony video equipment to be used for videoing 1st XV matches and the Cup and League finals of the other grades, and for coaching. The Insurance firm of Norwich Union sponsored to the tune of £1,500 the production of a club brochure by Liam Naughton and Derry O'Connor, on sale at every home game and inserted with the teams of the day. A new scoreboard was sponsored by Coyle, Hamilton Insurance with £2500. The short tour to Moseley RFC was sponsored by the Bank of Ireland (£2,000) and Xtra-Vision (£500). However, such are the financial demands of even the amateur game at this level that the club still came up with a deficit at the end of the year.

The 1st XV were runners-up in the new Leinster Senior League and reached the semi-final stage of the Cup. The J1 also reached the final of their League. The J2 won their League under Niall Rynne, managed by Sean Jennings and coached by John McCullogh and Tony Pacitti. The J3 did the double, winning their League and the Moran Cup. They were captained by John Boyle, managed by Brendan Spring and coached by David Hooper and Glen Tracey. The J4 reached the semi-final of their League and the quarter-final of the Cup. The J5 reached the quarter-final of the O'Connor Cup, the J6 and J7 both reached the semi-final stages of their cups. On the International front, Paul Dean increased his tally of caps to 26. Vincent Cunningham, having played for Leinster and Ireland U-21, gained his first full cap against England and was then picked for the Irish Tour to France. Interprovincial honours came to Kevin Potts, Declan Fanning, Carl Egan and Derek Dowling. Tony Gillen played for the Leinster U-23 team. Noel McCarthy was

*Leinster Senior
Cup Winners, 1987*

Back:

*T. Young (Manager),
G. Maher (Assistant
Manager), S. Hennessy,
M. Tarpey, C. Egan,
K. Potts, T. Gillen,
V. Cunningham,
C. Fitzgerald,
R. O'Connor (Coach).
Front: T. Kennedy,
J. Cullen,
D. Fanning,
N. McCarthy (Captain),
L. Roche, (President,
St. Mary's RFC),
J. Kennedy, D. Dowling,
D. Gardner.*



honoured with the captaincy of Connaught, where he was joined by Mick Tarpey and Ray Hernan. The club's referees were increased by the appointment of Declan Campion to the Leinster panel.

J. B. Sweeney was President for the Centenary Year. At his election he called for volunteers to put shape and order into the club premises. He organised sponsorship from Roantree & Son, Ltd. and with its aid, Bobby Coan marshalled a team of volunteers to carpet and wall-paper the clubhouse giving it a 'new look'. On the playing side, honours continued to pour in. Gareth Halpin, Matt McCarthy, Michael McLoughlin, Turlough Meagher and Darren Walker gained U-19 Interprovincial caps. Vincent Cunningham was capped for his province and for the Ireland U-25 team. Declan Fanning captained Leinster once more. Noel McCarthy captained Connaught in the Interpros and against the touring All-Blacks. Ray Hernan, Bill Mills, Tony Gillen and Sean O'Beirne also gained Interpro caps. Kieran Carville and Dave Nixon played for the Connaught U-20 team, and Philip Kenny on the Irish and Leinster U-20 team. Fergus Dolan, Kevin Potts and Niall O'Kelly were on the Irish Colleges XV. Last, but not least, veteran Terry Kennedy played on the Irish team in the Bahamas in the U-35 World Cup.

The 1st XV, captained by Steven Hennessy, did well enough under Rory O'Connor, John Pine and Greg Maher in the Senior League to ensure that they would be among the nine best teams in Ireland to form the 1st Division of the new All-Ireland League. Junior 1 reached the League final and the Metropolitan semi-final. J2 won the Albert O'Connell Cup and reached the League semi. Their Cup Final against Lansdowne was spectacular and possibly the match of the season in any grade. J3 won their League and the Wesley Junior Festival and reached the semi-final of the Moran Cup. J4 won the Winters Cup and reached the quarter-final of the League. J5 contested the final of the O'Connor Cup heroically against Terenure but to no avail.

The 7-a-Side team of Ray Hernan, Vince Cunningham, Noel McCarthy, John Kenny, Ben Kealy, Tommy Moran and Declan Fanning won the Old Belvedere Sevens. This was the last year for Paddy Bolger on the Leinster Branch executive as hon. treasurer. He was always an outstanding ambasador for the club. Vincent McGovern continued as club representative with the Branch. In a general meeting held in May, members were canvassed concerning the possibility of more permanent funding for the club. Following this meeting, details of a planned-giving campaign were circulated to the members.

An extract from the Report of the Hon. Secretary, Liam S. Birkett, for the 1986-87

season sums up much of what had been said and written about the St Mary's Rugby Football Club down through the years since its foundation in 1900.

The spirit of St Mary's has always prevailed. This spirit which we speak of, is hard to define. It is the combined effort of the entire membership of the Club, embracing those who are brilliant footballers, administrators, alickadoos and those who are not – but who have the same determination, commitment and love for this rugby club. The club has a tyrannical influence on all who join, that brings out the best in them when the club needs it most.

Thanks to the energy of enlightened presidents, executives and a dedicated membership, the club enjoys a very enviable position in the Irish rugby world. We have the best clubhouse and facilities in the country, a very healthy financial situation, current and on-going. We are fortunate in having a band of Past Presidents and Executives who continue to support the Club. Having served the Club in office, they unselfishly make themselves available at all times. It is a formidable asset that cannot appear on any balance sheet. But all of us are caretakers. We do not own the Club. We are merely minding it for those who are to follow and bring it new glories. The entire membership can be proud of their achievements. We have taken what we were given and built upon it, acknowledging that one could not be done without the other.

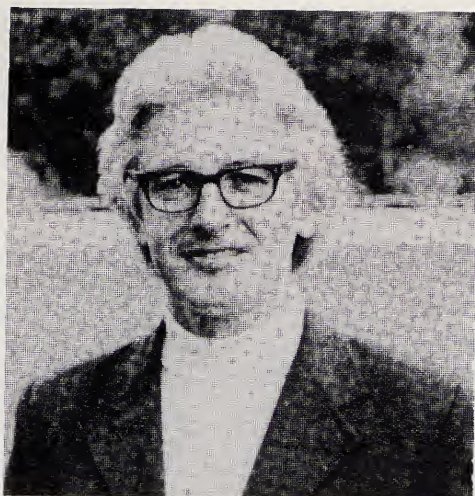
In winning the Senior Cup the Club finished on the highest possible note. That final is being hailed as the state of the art example for all those who want to play good rugby. It is satisfying to record that, at all levels, the St Mary's game is referred to by all opponents and critics as the attractive, open, running game. This reflects on everyone associated with the teams. To what more could we aspire?

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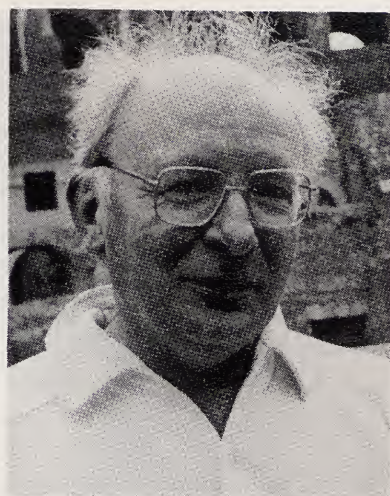
<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Order/Diocese</i>
Gareth Byrne	(1970-79)	1985	Dublin Diocese, Coolock.
Gary Byrne	(1973-80)	1987	Monterey Diocese, USA.

James McNulty, CSSp.

In July 1990, Fr. Hugh O'Reilly's third term of office came to an end and Fr. James McNulty became President and Superior of St. Mary's. Born in Mohill, Co. Leitrim, in 1928, he was educated in Blackrock College and professed with the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1948. He graduated from UCD in 1951 and prefected in St. Mary's, Trinidad, for three years, before returning to Kimmage where he was ordained in 1957. He was appointed to Nigeria the following year and taught there until the Biafran War disrupted missionary work. After Biafra, he worked in the US for two years before being appointed to Blackrock College where he taught until he went to Zambia in 1974. On his return to Ireland he taught in Blackrock until his appointment to Willow Park, of which he became Principal in 1984. He was appointed to St. Mary's in 1990.



Brian McLaughlin, CSSp.



Peter Byrne, OSA.

Fr Brian McLaughlin

Just in time for the celebration of the centenary, a past student of St Mary's, Fr. Brian McLaughlin, was honoured by being elected Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Congregation in Ireland. Fr Brian Marcus McLaughlin, the nephew of another past student, Fr John McLaughlin, whose career has already been sketched, was born in Dublin in 1940. He came to St Mary's in 1948 to Junior 1 and obtained his Leaving Certificate with honours in 1958. He went to the Novitiate of the Holy Ghost immediately after leaving school and was professed a year later. He attended UCD from Kimmage Manor before going to Rome for theology studies. He was ordained there in 1967 and in the following year was appointed to the missions in Brazil where he worked until 1984 when he was made Provincial Secretary. He held this position for three years before returning to Brazil. In the Irish Chapter meeting in 1987 he was elected Provincial Superior in Ireland for three years. At school Fr Brian was the recipient of the Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge in 6th Year. He had been a member of every school rugby team from the time he entered and ended up on the SCT that were beaten in the semi-final by Terenure only after a replay. Playing at wing-forward, he scored in the first two cup matches with opportunist tries in the defeat of Mountjoy (11-0) and Roscrea (12-6). The quarter-final defeat of Clongowes (9-5) was the shock of the competition since the light St Mary's pack was giving away stones, but future Irish International scrum-half Jimmy Kelly scored twice to win the day. Fr Brian has continued to follow the fortunes of St Mary's teams ever since with the keenest interest, as his vociferous support of them at all levels will testify.

Fr Peter Byrne, OSA

A second past pupil besides Fr Brian McLaughlin was honoured by being chosen as head of his Religious Order in Ireland, and that was Fr Peter Byrne, OSA, who was elected Provincial Superior of the Augustinians in 1988. Peter was in St Mary's from 1943 to 1953, a classmate of such luminaries as Colm Brennan, Tim Kelly, Matt Doolan, the late Noel Banahan, Peter Thornton and Tom Garvey. He was on both the JCT and SCT and Captain of the School in his final year. He joined the Augustinians and was ordained priest in 1959. Just prior to his appointment as Provincial he was Prior of John's Lane Church in Dublin's inner city where he engaged in a massive task of re-roofing the church and repairing the gothic steeple which is one of the outstanding landmarks of Dublin's cityscape.

Epilogue

THE FINAL YEAR of Fr O'Reilly's Presidency was the College's Centenary Year. In order to ensure the proper celebration of this significant event, a Committee was formed which devised a year-long programme of events which would feature all the various activities both of the Past and Present students and staff.

1989

28 September – Centenary Year Opens: Solemn High Mass Rathmines Parish Church, 3 p.m. – Archbishop Desmond Connell, President Dr P. Hillery, Lord Mayor; Solemn Blessing of School Extension, unveiling of Plaque by Minister for Education; Open Day, Refreshments

12 November – College Operetta: Gala Evening

17 November – PPU Centenary Dinner, College Hall



SUPERIORS OF THE FIVE HOLY GHOST COLLEGES

*Fr. A. Lehane (St. Michael's), Fr. J. Hurley (Rockwell), Fr. J. McNulty (St. Mary's),
Fr. S. Kealy (Blackrock), Fr. R. Grimshaw (Templeogue).*



SOME OF THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Back: L. Birkett, R. Redmond, Dr. B. Deasy, E. Fitzgerald, B. Cotter, P. Leahy,
Front: F. Conlon, M. MacCormac, Fr. J. McNulty, B. Strahan, B. Moran, D. Sullivan.

1990

- 23 February – Centenary Banquet, Burlington Hotel – 8.30 p.m. Black Tie.
- 25 March – SCT Invitation Seven-a Side Festival – St Mary's RFC, Templeville Rd.
- 26 March – Junior Centenary Function, Harcourt Hotel
- 29 April – St Mary's Scout Unit – Invitation inter-school event, Kenilworth Park.
- 10 May – PPU President's Centenary Golf Outing
- 20 May – St Mary's Lawn Tennis Club – Centenary American Tournament
- 23 September – Gala Centenary Concert, National Concert Hall
- 26 October – Centenary Dinner Dance: Burlington – 9 p.m. Dress Informal

Centenary Committee

Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, CSSp, President of College; Professor Michael MacCormac, Chairman; Bernard Strahan, Hon. Sec.; Frank Conlon, Headmaster; T. B. Kearns, PPU; R. Redmond, PPU; D. Thornton, PPU; D. Sullivan, PPU; B. Moran, PPU; John Hussey RFC; P. Leahy, Scouts; N. Bennett, LTC; E. Fitzgerald, Financial Controller; L. Birkett, PRO; B. Whelan, Centenary Fund; Dr Deasy, Parents; B. Cotter, Sports; P. Funge, Cultural; T. Newell, Students.

Apart from devising and carrying out a calendar of events for the year, the Committee

set up a Centenary Fund to raise money to equip a laboratory in the new Senior School extension. This equipment cost £35,000-£40,000. The PPU presented Fr Hugh O'Reilly with £5000 from its own funds, at the Centenary Banquet, to start the ball rolling.

By far the most prodigious event was the opening day of the year-long programme, which has already been featured in the Prologue.

The Centenary Musical

As with every other occasion during the centenary year, the annual musical production took on an extra verve which resulted in performances which surpassed those of previous productions. This was no mean feat since the work chosen, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was ambitious in the extreme, musically and histrionically, and might have been truly considered beyond the powers of secondary school boys and girls. In the event, the cast surpassed itself in both the singing and acting, while the general production values were of the highest order, reflecting greatly on all those involved. With a cast of 21 speaking parts, boys' chorus of 26 and a girls' chorus of 21, the musical and acting resources of both St Mary's and Notre Dame were stretched. Nor must Duane Byrne, in the non-speaking part of the *Fiddler*, be forgotten. Duane is a Feis Ceoil gold-medallist. It was a worthy offering for the Centenary Year. The Junior School was not to be outdone in the centenary year. In March they presented not one but two colourful productions, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, with Paul Byrom in the main part, and *Hiawatha*, with Mark Hogan in the lead.

The Centenary Annual Dinner

On November 17, 1989, the Union held the Annual Dinner. In expectation of greatly increased numbers for the occasion this particular year, it was thought that it might



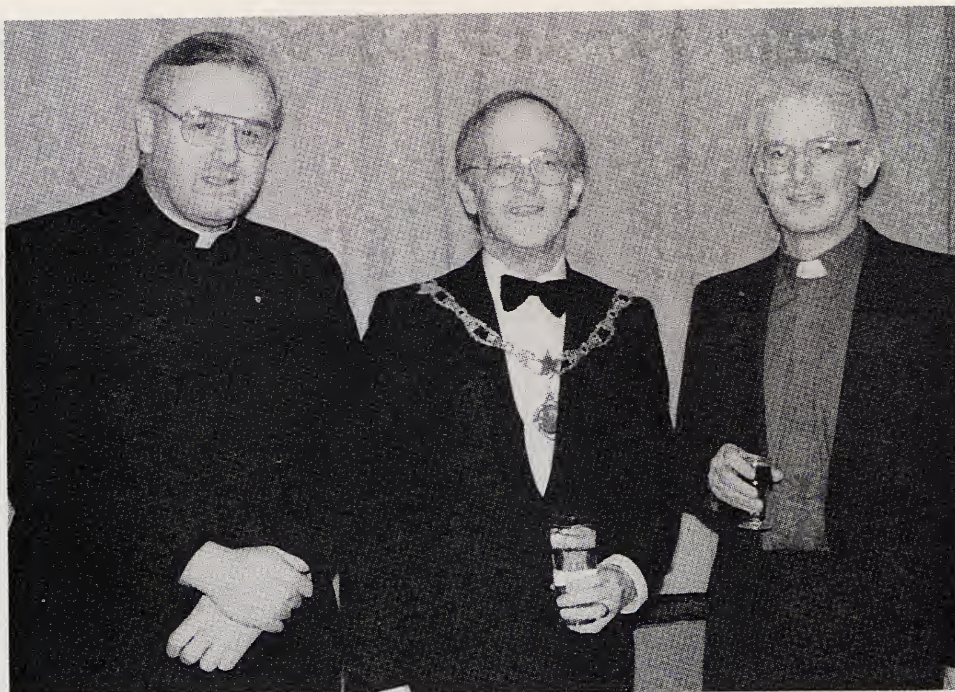
Paul Byrom – Joseph



Mark Hogan – Hiawatha

*CENTENARY
ANNUAL DINNER*

*Fr. P. Raftery,
Mr. Dan Coveney
(Union President
1990-1991),
Fr. B. McLaughlin,
Provincial.*



be held outside the college in larger premises. Happily, it was decided to hold it in the college. It was a tight squeeze for the 290 who attended, but was very enjoyable and successful.

The Centenary Banquet

The Centenary Banquet took place on February 23, 1990, in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, attended by 600 guests, including past students, parents, friends and well-wishers of the College. It was a gala occasion, with past student radio personality, Val Joyce, acting as M.C. There were three toasts. The first, to the President of Ireland, was proposed by the

*CENTENARY
BANQUET*

*Prof. M. MacCormac,
Archbishop Gerada,
Apostolic Nuncio,
Dr. B. Deasy.*





*CENTENARY BANQUET
Archbishop Gerada, Apostolic Nuncio, Mr. F. Dowling (PPU President 1989-90),
Fr. B. McLaughlin, Provincial.*



*CENTENARY BANQUET
Prof. M. MacCormac, Bishop Donal Murray, Alderman S. Haughey, Lord Mayor.*

President of the Union, Mr Frank Dowling. The second, to His Holiness the Pope, by Very Rev. Brian McLaughlin, Provincial Superior, was responded to by His Excellency, the Papal Nuncio, Most Rev. Emmanuel Gerada, D.D. The third, to the College, was proposed by Prof. Michael MacCormac, Chairman of the Centenary Committee, and responded to by Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, President of St Mary's.

The Centenary Sevens

At the end of the football season, St Mary's inaugurated a Senior Schools Seven-a-Side competition in the grounds of the St Mary's RFC in Templeville Rd in which 20 teams competed, including two from St Mary's. A magnificent Cup, to be competed for annually, was presented by the College, to be known as the St Mary's College Centenary Seven-a-Side Cup. Entered were, St Conleth's; CUS; CBC Monkstown; King's Hospital; St Paul's; Presentation Bray; Terenure; Clongowes; De La Salle Churchtown; St Gerard's; Rockwell; Belvedere; Newbridge; Roscrea; St Michael's; Templeogue; Castleknock and Blackrock. St Mary's beat CBC Monkstown, CUS and Belvedere to get into the semi-final where they met Rockwell, whom they defeated 15-0. Blackrock had beaten Castleknock and Roscrea to get to the semi where they beat Terenure who had accounted for St Michael's and Pres Bray. Rockwell had beaten Monkstown and St Gerard's. The final was a pulsating one between two teams who exhausted themselves in their efforts. St Mary's deserved to win if for no other reason than they had to come from behind to catch up with their rivals to win 18-16. It was a match worthy of the occasion and a victory made all the sweeter because of the team they had managed to beat, even if it was at the last gasp. Form was vindicated when CBC Monkstown beat Roscrea in the Plate Final confined to teams beaten in the first round. CBC had contested the final of the Old Belvedere Sevens with St Mary's a short time before.



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, CENTENARY SEVENS WINNERS

Back: J. Kelly, J. Flynn, E. Rennick, C. Lucey, N. Campion.

Front: R. McBrien, C. McCarthy, W. Power (captain), B. Cotter, E. Ormond.

The Junior Centenary Function

On March 26, 1990, two very recent past pupils, John Whelan and Michael McLoughlin (1989 school leavers), organised a centenary function for younger past pupils in the Harcourt Hotel. It was an outstanding success with over 180 attending, and not only gave great enjoyment to all who took part but even managed to return a modest profit for the Fund. The organisers deserved the highest praise for both their initiative and efficiency.

Centenary Golfing Outing

On May 10, 1990, the President's Cup Golf Outing took place as usual in Milltown G.C. It was only a coincidence that the winner was the next year's Union President, Dan Coveney, and that the runner-up was his brother, Brian. It was a well attended outing with over 100 players, so the competition was keen. Unfortunately, only 69 of these stayed on for the meal and the prize-giving. It was decided later that in future, the prize-winners would be from those attending the dinner. However, the day was a financial success as well as being most enjoyable. John Pardy of AIB Finance & Leasing generously sponsored the prizes.

St Mary's LTC

In the Centenary Year the Club played its part in the festivities by organising an American Tournament in May 1990, which was attended by the College President, Fr Hugh O'Reilly. The Club was represented on the Centenary Committee by past student, Nigel Bennett.

A Special Centenary Mass

On September 8, 1990, the 100th birthday of the College, a Concelebrated High Mass took place in the College Chapel. The chief Celebrant was past-student, Very Rev. Brian McLaughlin, Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ireland. The Superior General was represented by Fr Michael Doyle, First Assistant in Rome. The concelebrants were the Community and representatives from the other Spiritan Communities in Ireland. Also invited were the Staffs of both Senior and Junior Schools and the Centenary Committee. In the course of his homily, Fr McLaughlin, said:



Fr. B. McLaughlin, Provincial, with Fr. J. McNulty, President, Fr. S. O'Shaughnessy, Vice-President, receiving the gifts at the Centenary Mass, September 1990, in College Chapel.



*Assembled Holy Ghost Fathers at the special Centenary Mass
in the College Chapel, September 1990.*

Today we celebrate two extremely important birthdays – Our Lady's and the birthday of St Mary's College and Community, because it was on this day, September 8, in 1890, that the first thirty-four boys registered here in St Mary's. . . Our principal feeling today must be one of thankfulness – thankfulness that St Mary's was born and came into being one hundred years ago and thankfulness that it now begins another year of life.

It is fitting that the members of the St Mary's Community should invite other Holy Ghost communities to celebrate this day with them because it is very much a Congregation day. . . It is also appropriate that the community in St Mary's have also invited to share this special day the members of the teaching staff and, in this special year, the members of the Centenary Committee.

It is on a day like this that the members of the Holy Ghost Congregation



Mrs. Wall, Prof. MacCormac, Mr. B. Strahan, Mr. E. Fitzgerald,
Pól Uasal MacMurchú, Mrs. McCahill, readers at the Centenary Mass in College Chapel.

have a particular sense of the motto of the congregation, *Cor Unum et Anima Una*, – One Heart and One Soul. I wish that the family of St Mary's – the staff, religious and lay, past pupils and present, would live out in practice, through their co-operation with one another, through their friendship, one heart and one soul as the school begins its one hundred and first year and a new decade.

The Centenary Celebration Concert

One of the final events of the year-long celebrations was a Gala Concert in the National Concert Hall on September 23, 1990. Mr Anthony Byrne (Piano/Musical Director), Mr Alan Smale, RTE (Violin), Ms Carolann Lowe (Soprano) and Mr Frank Dunne (Tenor) were the principal artistes, while Special Guest-Artistes were four St Mary's past students, Philip Martin (Composer/Pianist), Ulick O'Connor (Poet/Playwright), Neil O'Shea RTE (Narrator/Presenter) and Niall Toner (Entertainer). The Concert was devised and directed by Paddy Funge with the assistance of Liam Birkett.

Anthony Byrne and Alan Smale combined in Elgar's *Salut d'amour*, Kreisler's *Praeludium und Allegro*, Beethoven's *Sonata in A minor*, Kreisler's *Liebeslied*, and T. C. Kelly's *The Lark in the Clear Air*. Carolann Lowe sang *Wee Hughie* by John Larchet; Schubert's *Liebhaber In allen Gestalten*; an aria from Menotti's *The Consul*; and *The Jewel Song* from Faust. Frank Dunne sang Arthur Sullivan's *Once Again*; *Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes* from *The Gondoliers*; *Roses of Picardy* by Haydn Wood; Donizetti's *Una Furtiva Lagrima*. Carolann and Frank combined in *Leave me not to pine* from *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *Brindisi* from *La Traviata*. Ulick O'Connor entertained with his reminiscences of St Mary's and literary figures of the Dublin scene. Niall Toner sang some of his favourite country-music ballads to his own guitar accompaniment.

Pianist/composer Philip Martin gave a programme of Chopin and Debussy and one of his own compositions, variations on *Tabhair dom do lámh*. Finally, the entire company joined in Thomas Arne's *The Lass with the delicate air*, and *The Voices of Spring* by Strauss.

Centenary Dinner Dance

The final event of the Centenary was the Dinner Dance held in the Burlington Hotel on October 26, 1990, to raise funds for the Centenary Committee, which had chosen a new Science Laboratory for the school as their objective. Over 500 people attended and had a most enjoyable evening. It was a fitting and lucrative ending to magnificent celebrations.



The College Crest woven by Mr. J. Field

Appendix One

School Register 1890-1990

The following is a list of all the pupils registered in the College from the opening day in 1890 until 1990. It does not profess to be totally accurate because of lacunae in the records. The years indicate when a pupil registered and take no account of how long he remained in the school.

1890-1891

Ahearne, W.	Barry, P.	Bennett, E.	Black, H.	Black, P.
Britten, R.	Britten, J.	Burke, L.	Byrne, J.	Byrne, R.
Corless, T.	Devine, F.	Devine, A.	Devine, E.	Digges, J. D.
Dodd, J.	Dodd, Jos.	Dodd, R.	Dodd, W.	Donovan, F.
Donovan, H.	Donovan, C.	Curran, W.	Curran, F. A.	Curran, S. A.
Dooley, M.	Doran, J.	Doran, F.	Dowling, J. F.	Duffy, V.
Duignan, J.	Duignan, T.	Dwyer, J.	Dwyer, M.	Farrell, J.
Flanagan, L.	Garland, F.	Garland, A.	Garland, F.	Gaynor, G.
Gibbon, H.	Hare, H.	Harrison, H.	Harrison, A.	Henebery, J.
Hyland, F.	Hyland, J.	Joyce, J.	Joyce, R.	Joyce, W.
Kelly, M.	Lahiff, F.	Lalor, F.	Lalor, F.	Lalor, V.
Langan, J.	Lennon, F.	Leonard, J.	Leonard, F.	Leonard, E.
Little, R.	Martin, A.	Martin, B.	Martin, J.	Martin, R.
Mason, H.	McAsey, J.	McAsey, M.	McCabe, E.	McCabe, C.
McCabe, J.	McCabe, P.	McCarthy, J.	McGuinness, R.	McNevin, S.
McNerney, W.	Miles, J.	Molloy, R.	Moloney, D.	Moloney, H.
Moloney, W.	Mooney, J.	Mooney, L.	Moore, J.	Morris, T.
Murphy, A.	Murtagh, C.	Murtagh, F.	Nicolls, J.	O'Brennan, H.
O'Brien, J.	O'Connell, D.	O'Connell, R.	O'Connell, T.	O'Connell, P.
O'Connor, C.	O'Donnell, J.	O'Hara, J.	O'Hare, G.	O'Hare, W.
O'Neill, Jas.	O'Neill, J.	O'Reilly, A.	O'Reilly, J.	O'Reilly, M.
O'Toole, C.	Overend, J.	Peake, S.	Powell, C.	Powell, M.
Purcell, M.	Purcell, P.	Quinn, D.	Quinn, J.	Rafter, J.
Ross, F.	Slattery, E.	Slattery, L.	Swan, A.	Swan, W.
Tyndale, L.	Walsh, T.	Whelan, J.	Yarr, L.	

1891-1892

Arigho, G.	Burke, L.	Burke, M.	Burke, J.	Cantwell, J.
Cassidy, M.	Close, C.	Davison, A.	Davison, H.	Davison, W.
Delahunty, T.	Donovan, J.	Duignan, A.	Garland, A.	Garland, J.
Garland, N.	Gower, D.	Gower, T.	Hall, B.	Harrison, C.
Harrison, P.	Hastings, C.	Hastings, P.	Kavanagh, F.	Kelly, A.
Kelly, G.	Kelly, J.	Kenny, H.	Kenny, M.	Lea, B.
Meade, J.	McConnell, F.	McGill, H.	McMenamen, F.	Miley, F.
Morris, A.	Morris, J.	Murphy, M.	Nichols, A.	O'Connor, A.
O'Connor, F.	O'Connor, R.	O'Donovan, E.	O'Neill, J.	O'Reilly, J.
Pakenham, J.	Perry, J.	Perry, V.	Plant, A.	Plant, J.
Russell, W.	Ryan, W.			

1892-1893

Butler, E.
Byrne, A.
Cummins, Jos.
Doherty, F.
Gavican, F.
Kennedy, M.
McGough, G.
Moloney, J.
O'Kelly, B.
Plunkett, J.

Butler, J.
Byrne, P.
Delaney, W.
Donovan, C.
Hall, H.
Kinahan, R.
McGough, P.
Murphy, C.
O'Neill, F.
Reilly, J.

Butler, M.
Campbell, J.
Delaney, J.
Fitzpatrick, P.
Hayes, H.
Lea, J.
McNevin, C.
Murphy, W.
O'Reilly, H.
Rooney, J.

Byrne, T.
Corless, J.
Divine, S.
Fitzpatrick, W.
Hogan, E.
Lerrouy, P.
Mahon, R.
O'Connor, J.
O'Reilly, L.
Swan, C.

Byrne, L.
Cummins, J.
Dodd, R.
Flanagan, J.
Kennedy, J.
Loton, J.
McDonagh, T.
O'Donnell, T.
O'Shaughnessy, R.
Weekes, C.

1893-1894

Barry, M.
Brister, H.
Corless, Jos.
Duffy, J.
Galbraith, E.
Kelly, J.
Lynch, E.
Molony, G.
Murphy, J.
Rafter, P.
Swan, A.

Barry, Ph.
Brister, Jos.
Dove, C.
Duffy, P.
Gill, H.
Kelly, K.
Maher, T.
Mooney, Jas.
Neville, H.
Rochford, H.
Swan, R.

Barry, T.
Brister, J.
Doyle, B.
Flanagan, L.
Graham, W.
Kelly, P.
McDonagh, T.
Mooney, M.
O'Connell, P.
Ryan, F.

Black, G.
Cantwell, H.
Doyle, D.
Fraser, G.
Hogan, A.
Landy, A.
Meade, J.
Mooney, P.
O'Hare, K.
Shanley, W.

Brennan, J.
Cassidy, M.
Doyle, W.
French, R.
Johnstone, A.
Lynch, E.
Molony, C.
Murphy, G.
Peake, S.
Slattery, J.

1894-1895

Brady, P.
Doyle, D.
Hall, H.
McCabe, H.
O'Brien, B.
O'Toole, L.
Tierney, P.

Burke, J.
Doyle, W.
Hill, F.
McCabe, P.
O'Brien, M.
Ponsford, E.

Byrne, A.
Furlong, A.
Joyce, F.
Morrow, B.
O'Brien, W.
Taylor, B.

Dowling, W.
Furlong, P.
Kelly, J.
Murphy, L.
O'Connor, R.
Taylor, M.

Dowling, Jos.
Gribbon, H.
Lloyd, J.
Murphy, L.
O'Kelly, B.
Taylor, M.

1895-1896

Becker, J.
Carton, D.
Fitzpatrick, C.
Hayden, J.
Little, T.
McNulty, J.
Nolan, W.
Spadaccini, J.

Black, E.
Coleman, H.
Flynn, T.
Joyce, W.
Little, P.
Molony, T.
O'Brien, P.
Tierney, G.

Boyle, F.
Cummins, M.
Gogan, T.
Judd, C.
McCarthy, J.
Nash, F.
O'Connor, G.
Walsh, Jos.

Boyle, D.
Dunphy, B.
Hall, W.
Kennedy, M.
McKenna, H.
Nicolls, G.
Ryan, J. P.
Walsh, L.

Byrne, F.
Eaton, R.
Hall, W. O'B.
Lawlor, A.
McKenna, N.
Nicolls, E.
Smith, O.

1896-97

Bannon, P.
Cahill, J.
Clark, T.
Darcy, M.
Faulkner, A.
Harding, J.
Hyland, G.
Kerrigan, M.
Lawlor, L.
McMaster, H.
Plant, J.
Ryan, E.
Ryan, C.
Thornton, W.

Barry, J.
Callow, L.
Crocker, E.
Darcy, W.
Greenan, A.
Hayden, J. B.
Judd, R.
King, J.
Lawlor, P.
Murray, E.
Plant, A.
Ryan, J. S.
Shaw, F.
Toomey, E.

Barry, Jas.
Cantwell, F.
Crotty, M.
Davison, N.
Gribbon, G.
Hayes, F.
Keady, J.
Kinahan, R.
Loughlin, T.
Nicolls, A.
Reddy, J.
Ryan, J.
Sheridan, F.
Walsh, C.

Brodie, F.
Cantwell, G.
Daly, C.
Dunne, C.
Harding, J.
Healy, T.
Kelly, I.
Kinsella, E.
McCabe, N.
O'Connor, G.
Reddy, T.
Ryan, Pk.
Stephenson, E.
Williams, A.

Byrne, Ferd.
Clark, J.
Darcy, J.
Farrell, T.
Harding, A.
Houghton, T.
Kennedy, M.
Laracy, P.
McDermott, J.
O'Donnell, J.
Russell, M.
Ryan, A.
Stephenson, F.
Williams, G.

1897-1898

Becker, V.	Brennan, N.	Byrne, Jas.	Cant, J.	Condell, G.
Crotty, M.	Dallaghan, H.	Darby, P.	Darcy, Jas.	Dodd, J.
Ennis, C.	Ennis, E.	Evans, T.	Frawley, G.	Gowan, M.
Grennell, A.	Grennell, H.	King, J.	Lawlor, A.	Lea, P. L.
McCabe, E.	McCabe, X.	McCoy, R.	McDonnell, J.	Moore, A.
Moore, P.	Murray, P.	O'Brien, M.	O'Keeffe, R.	Rafter, T.
Ryan, J. J.	Ryan, P.	Ryan, V.	Smith, R.	Smith, W. J.
Thornton, J.				

1898-99

Bolger, Jas.	Bolger, M.	Brennan, G.	Brennan, H.	Browner, J.
Byrne, J.	Campbell, T.	Cassidy, J.	Clark, C.	Clark, H.
Conway, M.	Cuolahan, A.	Cotton, F.	Cotton, H.	Cummins, I.
Daly, E.	De Botte, A.	Dixon, M.	Doyle, Jas.	Flusk, J.
Flynn, W.	Fox, W.	Furlong, P.	Gibbon, C.	Hackett, C.
Hannigan, A.	Hartney, E.	Healy, E.	Hill, H.	Horan, M.
Ingoldsby, A.	Joyce, J.	Joyce, P.	Keady, J.	Kelly, C.
Leigh, P.	McCoy, L.	McDonald, J.	Noble, J.	O'Callaghan, J.
O'Donnell, W.	O'Keeffe, C.	O'Toole, W.	Savage, E.	Savage, J.
Savage, Jas.	Victory, C.	Woods, J.		

1899-1900

Aylward, G.	Aylward, T.	Becker, M.	Cavanagh, J.	Clarke, R.
Connolly, F.	Connolly, J.	Corr, V.	Coughlin, T.	Crofts, G.
Crofts, J.	Daly, Thos.	De Botte, A.	Delaney, A.	Delaney, P.
Dixon, M.	Dowdall, L.	Dowling, W.	Ennis, Geo.	Evans, H.
Evans, P.	Farrell, E.	Flynn, J.	Foley, K.	Garland, N.
Gowan, P.	Greaney, P.	Hackett, C.	Hawkins, W.	Healy, F.
Healy, Jas.	Healy, E.	Joyce, S.	Keeffe, C.	Keeffe, H.
Kennedy, F.	Lawlor, A.	Lawlor, P.	Lawless, L.	McCabe, J.
McCoy, L.	McGrath, Jos.	Moore, R.	Nash, Jos.	O'Brien, H.
O'Keeffe, H.	O'Reilly, A.	Page, D.	Page, R.	Pakenham, R.
Racine, H.	Reddy, Jas.	Ryan, H.	Ryan, C.	Ryan, Ern.
Ryan, Ed.	Savage, E.	Savage, Jas.	Savage, J.	Silke, W.
Spadaccini, C.	Spadaccini, J.	Swan, H.	Walshe, C.	Walshe, R.
White, A.	White, P.	White, W.		

1900-1901

Allen, C.	Corr, A.	Corr, C.	Crotty, M.	Cussen, C.
Dickson, A.	Downes, Jos.	Downes, V.	Farrell, C.	Farrell, D.
Farrell, H.	Farrell, J.	Fitzgerald, M.	Fitzgerald, W.	Fitzpatrick, L.
Flanagan, F.	Gogan, J.	Gowan, E.	Laracy, J.	Leamy, E.
Magennis, E.	Magennis, J.	McGann, T.	McGann, W.	Moore, A.
Musgrave, W.	O'Mahony, L.	Power, Jos.	Reid, B.	Scanlon, B.
Scanlon, J.	Scanlon, M.	Slattery, J.		

1901-1902

Allen, H.	Bury, F.	Cantwell, L.	Coffey, Jos.	Colahan, L.
Condell, H.	Coppinger, C.	Curran, J.	Dowling, E. B.	Farrell, Cl.
Farrell, F.	Faulkner, C.	Fitzpatrick, M.	Foley, Thos.	Hayden, M.
Hayden, P.	Healy, G.	Ingoldsby, A.	Jammet, H.	Kelly, C.
Kenny, F.	Lawless, L.	Martin, P.	McAuliffe, M.	McCann, J.
Musgrave, J.	Nolan, S.	O'Donnell, G.	O'Hare, H.	O'Reilly, E.
O'Reilly, W.	Reilly, J.	Plant, A.	Russell, B.	Stritch, S.
Waldron, P.	Walshe, C.	White, G.		

1902-1903

Becker, G.	Brady, Rbt.	Brickell, F.	Buckley, F.	Butler, J.
Carroll, W.	Christopher, T.	Coleman, B.	Condell, B.	Cummins, F.
Dowling, P.	Faulkner, J.	Flynn, G.	Flynn, J.	Gaynor, H.
Hayden, M.	Hegarty, G.	Hill, A.	Honan, J.	Jeatman, H.
Jules, F.	Keeffe, R.	Kelly, G.	Kennedy, J.	Kennedy, Ph.
King, W.	Laithwaite, G.	Lawless, V.	Lynch, M.	McGrath, J.
McGrath, P.	Nolan, P.	O'Connor, T.	O'Grady, P.	O'Kelly, J.
O'Kelly, K.	O'Kelly, W.	O'Loughlin, J.	O'Loughlin, W.	O'Neill, H.
O'Neill, P.	Power, N.	Purcell, F.	Russell, R.	Russell, L.
Ryan, D.	Scully, J.	Tierney, V.	Tierney, W.	Waldron, P.

1903-1904

Blackmore, M.	Butler, Jas.	Butler, P.	Cotter, Ml.	Culhane, A.
Culhane, F.	Dallaghan, E.	Doyle, J.	Dunne, J.	Dwyer, J.
England, F.	Ennis, Ger.	Foley, Jos.	Furlong, J.	Gaffney, P.
Gogan, Jas.	Grissard, O.	Hayden, E.	Hurley, F.	Hyland, A.
Keeffe, J.	Kelly, Ed.	Kelly, W.	Kiernan, B.	Kiernan, T.
Kinlay, F.	Lennon, W.	McAuley, J.	McCabe, M.	Moloney, F.
Moore, C.	Musgrave, W.	Nolan, P.	Nolan, W.	O'Carroll, C.
O'Carroll, F.	O'Driscoll, H.	Reid, A.	Russell, C.	Shiels, Jos.
Shiels, J.	Slattey, E.	Tew, Ed.	Vanston, H.	

1904-1905

Adye Curran, J.	Allen, L.	Allen, W.	Allingham, S.	Becker, H.
Blunden, W.	Bolger, H.	Browne, P.	Carroll, T.	Clarke, Jos.
Cox, M.	Cregan, J.	Dallaghan, E.	Devitt, Des	Devlin, J.
Dillon, E.	Dobbyn, G.	Doyle, J.	Doyle, T.	Duffy, A.
Fahey, Jos.	Fanagan, W.	Fanning, H.	Farrell, W.	Hayden, L.
Healy, J. W.	Hughes, G.	Keady, T.	Kenny, Foley	McCormack, W.
McGarry, M.	Moriarty, J.	Moriarty, T.	Mulhall, G.	Mulhall, Jos.
Mulhall, N.	Mulhall, W.	O'Carroll, J.	O'Connor, A.	O'Grady, K.
Purcell, M.	Quinn, Ed.	Reid, A.	Riley, Pk.	Scully, Ed.
Shaw, J.	Smith, Chr.	Smith, Jas.	Woods, C.	

1905-1906

Ballesty, J.	Barden, O.	Browne, B.	Dallaghan, D.	Daly, C.
Dowling, C.	Doyle, Jas.	Fahy, Joe	Farrell, F.	Handley, J.
Hayden, D.	Hayden, Jack	Hickey, W.	Lehane, C.	Madden, J.
Neilan, A.	O'Kelly, C.	Rossiter, H.	Rossiter, T.	Smith, Eug.
Smith, Jos.	Smith, P.	Spadaccini, A.		

1906-1907

Bellancy, J.	Bergin, C.	Bergin, W.	Brickell, J.	Brodie, H.
Browne, S.	Byrne, J.	Clarke, J.	Clarke, J. B.	Clarke, John
Clarke, M.	Connolly, F.	Cunningham, P.	Cunningham, W.	Dempsey, D.
Dempsey, M.	Dickson, A.	Hughes, E.	Hughes, J.	Murphy, J.
Neville, A.	Pakenham, R.	Quinn, Jas.	Rice, H.	Shiel, R.
Silke, H.	Smyth, T.	Tierney, P.	Walsh, J.	Williams, H.

1907-1908

Andrews, R.
Callen, C.
Dowling, R.
Kennedy, J.
McGowan, N.
O'Reilly, M.

Becker, H.
Christopher, T.
England, F.
Kilduff, E.
Moore, E.
Russell, A.

Brady, H.
Conway, J.
Farrell, H.
Lane, D.
Montgomery, F.
Tierney, J.

Burns, J.
Cooke, W.
Gaffney, P.
Lang, H.
O'Grady, F. L.
Williamson, P.

Burns, R.
Cregan, M.
Ingoldsby, B.
McGlade, J.
O'Hanlon, C.
Wilson, D.

1908-1909

Barney, F.
Boland, S.
Doyle, G.
Flood, J.
Honan, M.
Keating, E.
McCabe, Art
Murray, G.
O'Brien, J.
Quinn, F.

Beatty, E.
Dallaghan, G.
Doyle, W.
Foley, P.
Joyce, B.
Kiernan, F.
McClintock, W.
Murray, N.
O'Connor, F.
Slattery, T.

Beatty, J.
Daly, J.
Duffy, A.
Hall, K.
Kavanagh, C.
Kilduff, G.
Mooney, P.
Morrow, G.
O'Grady, A.
Thornton, C.

Birmingham, H.
Donnelly, E.
Ellison, Wm.
Hanway, W.
Kavanagh, M.
Lang, F.
Murphy, D.
Noble, W.
O'Grady, G.
Tierney, T.

Boland, A.
Donnelly, H.
Flanagan, M.
Honan, J.
Keating, T.
Lang, G.
Murphy, W.
Nolan, Chr.
O'Hare, H.

1909-1910

Armstrong, W.
Byrne, T.
Culhane, F.
Doyle, T.
Gogan, Pk.
Keeffe, J.
Lynch, F.
McNally, H.
Murphy, J.
O'Dowd, C.
O'Neill, H.
Silke, J.

Beatty, A.
Cahill, J.
Cussen, G.
Fogarty, T.
Honan, W.
Kennedy, F.
Lynch, J.
McSharry, J.
Murphy, V.
O'Dowd, J.
Rogan, P.
Tams, C.

Bowe, W.
Clarke, J.
Cussen, W.
Forrester, T.
Hughes, J.
Kennedy, J.
McDonagh, H.
McSharry, R.
Nally, K.
O'Grady, P.
Rushton, D.
Tierney, F.

Browne, V.
Collinge, B.
Dallaghan, H.
Fox, P.
Joyce, K.
Lang, A.
McDonald, P.
Mitchell, H.
Neville, N.
O'Keeffe, J.
Ryan, A.

Byrne, A.
Culhane, C.
Donnelly, H.
Fraser, J.
Judd, P.
Lynam, Jos.
McGrath, P.
Mitchell, W.
O'Brien, M.
O'Leary, A.
Ryan, M.

1910-1911

Blackall, G.
Byrne, A.
Casey, P.
Daly, H.
Dunne, S.
Flanagan, A.
Hallinan, H.
Lynam, J. K.
Murphy, C.
O'Hanlon, L.
Roddy, P.
Walsh, M.
White, J.

Blunden, J.
Byrne, C.
Cassidy, P.
Donovan, R.
Falvey, G.
Flanagan, J.
Hynes, M.
McCarthy, Dn.
O'Brien, A.
Palmer, E.
Rose, A.
Walsh, P.

Blunden, M.
Byrne, K.
Collinge, E.
Dowling, L.
Falvey, H.
Fogarty, H.
Joyce, C.
McCarthy, Dt.
O'Brien, D.
Purcell, Fd.
Ryan, Des
Walsh, T.

Brindley, H.
Byrne, V.
Culhane, A.
Doyle, F.
Farrell, J.
Forrester, F.
Joyce, J.
McGowan, N.
O'Brien, D.
Richardson, M.
Tierney, F.
Whelan, H.

Brophy, M.
Casey, C.
Daly, C.
Dunne, M.
Field, C.
Gogan, J.
Little, W.
McNamara, A.
O'Brien, Ml.
Roddy, M.
Van Craen, W.
Whelan, V.

1911-1912

Allison, T.	Becker, H.	Boland, C.	Boland, W.	Bolton, P.
Byrne, D.	Byrne, G.	Byrne, J.	Byrne, Pk.	Cahill, J.
Cooney, J.	Corbett, C.	Corbett, W.	Crotty, N.	Dowling, F.
Dunne, W.	Farrell, P.	Gogan, L.	Griffin, J.	Gunning, D.
Hayden, J.	Hughes, D.	Hynes, M.	Keogh, C.	Kiernan, J.
Kinlay, G.	Lynch, G.	Lynch, T.	Maguire, J. B.	Mullett, J.
McCaffrey, G.	McDermott, D.	Mortell, J.	Mulhall, R.	Murphy, P.
O'Brien, J.	O'Brien, J. (Red)	O'Byrne, K.	O'Connell, C.	Pemberton, W.
Purcell, F. K.	Reilly, E.	Reilly, F.	Roche, Jas.	Roche, P.
Roche, R.	Ryan, N.	Ryan, N.	Sutherland, G.	Spadaccini, G.
Twohig, F.	Williams, F.			

1912-1913

Connor, L.	Crotty, N.	Cussen, J.	Daly, T.	Daly, J.
Donovan, M.	Dowling, J.	Dungan, J.	Flanagan, C.	Flanagan, D.
Foley, D.	Foley, D.	Foley, F.	Fraser, G.	Gunning, F.
Gunning, P.	Joyce, C.	Kennedy, G.	Kennedy, G.	Mahon, V.
Mangan, D.	Mangan, D.	Markey, R.	McNeil, B.	McNeil, N.
McNeil, T.	Nally, K.	Nolan, R.	O'Connor, J.	O'Keeffe, W.
O'Mahony, B.	O'Mahony, C.	Philips, L.	Russell, F.	Tierney, C.
Victory, R.	Walsh, M.			

1913-1914

Allison, W.	Bolton, G.	Condon, J.	Curran, L.	Curran, W.
Donovan, M.	Doyle, J.	Dyer, E.	Dyer, W.	Fitzpatrick, J.
Kennedy, J.	Kiernan, M.	King, C.	Mahon, V.	McCabe, L.
McGuinness, A.	McLean, J.	Murphy, C.	Murphy, F.	
Murphy, T.	O'Mahony, J.	O'Reilly, B.	Petit de Mange, P.	Petit de Mange, A.
Phelan, J.	Rose, M.	Russell, E.	Williams, T.	

1914-1915

Bonfield, A.	Bonfield, R.	Condon, A.	Condon, J.	Colohan, C.
Cregan, C.	Cussen, J.	Curran, R.	Daish, V.	Dallaghan, G.
Daly, J.	Edwards, G.	Foster, M.	Galvin, D.	Hampton, J.
Hampton, R.	Hayden, F.	Hughes, E.	Hughes, G.	Joycé, P. W.
King, F.	Lockman, F.	Lynch, J.	Mahon, D.	Markey, R.
Martin, T.	McGrath, L.	McLoughlin, B.	McLoughlin, T.	McLoughlin, R.
Muldoon, J.	Moore, E.	Murphy, D.	Murray, N.	Mortelle, J.
Nolan, R.	O'Connor, K.	O'Connor, L.	O'Connor, J. K.	O'Dea, C.
O'Dea, Jas.	O'Dea, Jos.	O'Grady, J.	O'Hogain, C.	O'Hogain, E.
O'Mahony, B.	O'Neill, E.	O'Neill, V.	O'Riordan, D.	Phillips, L.
Prior, H.	Reddy, F.	Radjakrishnan	Vaughan, A.	

1915-1916

Barry, K.	Bobbett, J.	Burns, R.	Byrne, Ed.	Casey, M.
Coghlan, J.	Collery, B.	Conroy, L.	Crinion, B.	Cullen, J.
Cullen, S.	Cummins, A.	Cunniam, B.	Devereux, P.	Dunne, E.
Fleming, D. J.	Gunning, D.	Hamby, Jas.	Hamby, Jos.	Hennessy, D.
Hennessy, H.	Humphreys, E.	Humphreys, F.	Humphreys, R.	Ingram, F.
Kiernan, F.	Kinlay, G.	McLoughlin, N.	McNeil, Jos.	Owens, E.
O'Farrell, K.	O'Mahony, C.	O'Rahilly, E.	O'Rahilly, N.	O'Rahilly, R.
O'Shea, N.	Plant, D.	Rose, A.	Shiel, R.	Tierney, C.

CLOSURE

1916-1926

1926-1927

Ashley, A.	Aylward, Jos.	Becker, R.	Blair, C.	Bowers, J.
Boyce, T.	Boyd, W.	Branagan, G.	Branagan, J.	Branagan, M.
Branagan, P.	Buggy, T. V.	Butler, J.	Byrne, Ph.	Byrne, Pk.
Cleary, J.	Clifton, C.	Colleton, E.	Collison, J.	Collison, M.
Collison, P.	Comyn, N.	Comyn, A.	Cooney, B.	Coveney, Dn.
Coveney, Dd.	Cox, G. S.	Crean, H.	Crean, P. J.	Creedon, C.
Creedon, M.	Culhane, F.	D'Alton, L.	D'Alton, E.	Dunne, J.
Fallon, T.	Finn, J.	Fitzgerald, M.	Flynn, M.	Foley, G.
Ganter, F.	Ganter, J.	Garvan, W.	Hayes, B.	Hennessy, P.
Jenkinson, J.	Kelly, C.	Kelly, T.	Leahy, M.	Lee, H.
Lynch, P.	Mahon, A.	Mangan, J.	Marriott, B.	Molloy, G.
Moloney, P. A.	Mooney, J. B.	Murphy, P.	Murray, T.	McCarron, E.
McNeill, P.	Nagle, Don.	Nagle, J.	Nugent, P.	O'Connell, J.
O'Donovan, T.	O'Donoghue, P.	O'Gorman, T.	O'Hanlon, A. P.	O'Hare, F.
O'Hare, L.	O'Higgins, T.	O'Higgins, M.	O'Keane, M.	O'Neill, J. J.
O'Sullivan, J.	O'Sullivan, Js.	O'Sullivan, D.	O'Toole, P.	Pidgeon, R.
Pratt, R.	Prendergast, J.	Purcell, F.	Quigley, E.	Quigley, J.
Quigley, R.	Quinn, B.	Rafter, J.	Robinson, G.	Rogan, J.
Rowan, E.	Ryan, J. D.	Ryan, J.	Schlegel, D.	Smith, B.
Smith, W.	Thompson, H.	Tully, M.	Waldron, D.	Wheeler, R. G.
Whelan, J.	Williams, F.	Williams, G.	Williams, W.	Wilson, C. M.
Woodcock, J.	Woodcock, P.			

1927-1928

Adye Curran, G.	Adye Curran, F.	Aliaga Kelly, C.	Aliaga Kelly, T.	Byrne, G.
Byrne, T.	Cunningham, A.	Dunne, J.	Fogarty, D.	Fitzgerald, M.
Foley, L.	Healy, G. A.	Healy, D.	Hatfield, H.	Honeyman, E.
Honeyman, J.	Honeyman, N.	Jackson, T.	Kavanagh, A.	Kavanagh, D.
Kavanagh, T. G.	Kennedy, D.	McGann, L.	McGuinn, Ds.	Mallin, B.
Mooney, P.	Moreland, D.	Murphy, B.	Nash, G.	Norton, A. A.
O'Neill, H.	Redmond, P.	Rogan, J.	Russell, C. J.	Walker, J.
Walker, T.	Whelan, P. G.			

1928-1929

Alton, B.	Black, E.	Blunden, N.	Boyd, G.	Condon, P. G.
Constantine, F.	Curtin, M.	Duffy, C.	Dunne, D.	Gunn, J.
Hallahan, G.	Hallsisey, J.	Heffernan, W.	Hooper, I.	Humphries, A.
Kavanagh, P.	Kavanagh, T.	Kehoe, J. P.	Kehoe, T.	Kennedy, T.
Maher, A. J.	Mallen, B.	McDonough, D.	McMahon, D.	McMahon, T.
McNeill, P. M.	Manning, B.	Meade, J.	Morelli, L.	Murphy, T.
Nevin, P.	Norton, S.	O'Connell, J.	O'Hare, D.	O'Leary, M.
O'Sullivan, B.	Quane, J. F.	Rutledge, A.	Scott, M.	Smyth, R.
Smyth, D.	Talbot, J.	Walsh, T. J.		

1929-1930

Byrne, D.	Cleary, J.	Colman, T.	Connolly, J.	Foynes, M.
Dillon, J.	Dolan, E.	Dudley, A.	Foynes, J. D.	Hill, J. G.
Gannon, G.	Harrington, E.	Healy, G. B.	Henderson, K.	McGuinn, Des.
Hooper, N.	Kehily, D.	Keogh, J.	Keogh, V.	O'Mahony, C.
McKee, G.	McKenna, P.	Manley, M.	Meany, P.	Taylor, J.
Redmond, P.	Rutledge, H.	Shanahan, M.	Sullivan, D.	Whelan, A.
Taylor, R.	Tinsley, C.	Tinsley, L.	Traynor, L.	

1930-1931

Ashe, P.	Becker, V.	Bellamy, E.	Bellamy, J.	Bergin, P.
Boyd, C.	Branagan, M.	Branagan, K.	Branagan, N.	Branagan, P. J.
Branagan, V.	Byrne, O.	Byrne, W. V.	Carr, M.	Clifton, H.
Cooney, B.	Corrigan, P.	Coveney, T.	Creedon, G.	Delaney, P.
Donnelly, J.	Hayden, D.	Hayden, F.	Hayes, B.	Keenehan, K.
Kelly, K.	Keogh, S.	Kiely, L.	Lemass, H.	McCabe, B.
McCarthy, M.	McLaughlin, J.	Mitchell, K.	Moran, J.	Murphy, G.
Murphy, K.	Nolan, B.	O'Higgins, D.	O'Higgins, T.	O'Kelly, D.
O'Neill, D.	O'Sullivan, U.	Pratt, F.	Pratt, P.	Quane, H.
Reid, F.	Reilly, P.	Robb, S.	Ryan, J.	Ryan, P.
Savage, D.	Scott, F.	Waldron, D.		

1931-1932

Atkins, S.	Barker, A. P.	Becker, G.	Becker, N.	Bennett, D.
Bennett, F.	Burke, F.	Byrne, E.	Byrne, J. D.	Clifton, H.
Corish, W.	Crean, J.	Creedon, L.	Cregan, N.	Dowling, D.
Doyle, J.	Fair, C.	Flanagan, H.	Gibson, K.	Golden, S.
Herlihy, T.	Kehoe, J. F.	Kenny, S.	Leahy, A.	Lemass, H.
McCartney, F.	McCormack, S.	Meany, J.	O'Brien, G.	O'Brien, P.
O'Connell, J. M.	O'Connor, J.	O'Neill, W.	O'Reilly, S.	O'Sullivan, B.
Quigley, P.	Reardon, H.	Redmond, E.	Reynolds, T.	Rogan, P.
Ryan, F.	Taylor, J.	Thornton, J.	Young, K.	

1932-1933

Burke, A. P.	Cormack, J.	De La Hayde	Fitzgerald, J.	Greene, F.
Heffernan, T.	Hughes, D.	Irving, H.	Kirby, B.	Kirby, S.
Leavy, J.	McCabe, D.	McDonald, J.	McMenamin, M.	Mills, J.
Moore, Rd.	Moore, Ron.	Morkan, P.	Morkan, R.	Murphy, C. R.
Nolan, C.	Nolan, E.	O'Connor, T.	Russell, R.	Scott, K. B.
Scott, P.	Sheridan, L.	Thornton, J. C.	Walsh, D.	Warren, C.

1933-1934

Ashe, M.	Blake, R.	Cairns, R.	Collins, P.	Coghlan, P.
Donnelly, M.	Doyle, X.	Fitzgerald, C.	Fitzgerald, Jos.	Fleming, E.
Fleming, N.	Garrad, L.	Giblin, E.	Graham, R.	Hackett, B.
Hogan, G.	Hughes, A.	Judd, J.	Kehoe, J.	Lambert, T.
McCabe, D.	McCann, J.	MacKay, J. J.	Mulvany, L.	Moore, T.
Mullally, W.	Murphy, L.	Murray, T.	O'Cadlaigh, D.	O'Callaghan, J.
O'Connor, R.	O'Dea, P. P.	O'Farrell, B.	O'Kelly, A.	O'Kelly, D.
Reynolds, P.	Reynolds, R.	Roche, J.	Rowley, J.	Rowley, R.
Schwartz, B.	Schwartz, M.	Sheridan, T.	Waldron, M.	Walsh, A.
Woodnutt, P.				

1934-1935

Austin, R.	Bergin, W.	Broy, P. A.	Byrne, R. C.	Byrne, T.
Carson, J.	Clancy, G.	Connolly, G.	Connolly, W.	Dunn, D.
Coveney, J.	Cregan, R.	Dillon, C.	Dorgan, T.	Leahy, F.
Harbison, J.	Hennigan, J.	Jennings, P.	Leahy, E.	McEntee, W.
Lynch, T.	McCormac, M.	McEntee, L.	McEntee, S.	Murray, J.
McGrune, V.	MacKenny, L.	Maguire, Jas.	Morris, B.	O'Shea, P.
Neville, J.	Neville, P.	Norton, G.	O'Rorke, B.	Waldron, J.
Redmond, P. B.	Rock, Ron.	Schwartz, T.	Sullivan, P.	

1935-1936

Birmingham, A.	Bishop, P.	Blair, F.	Bolger, P.	Burgess, W.
Browne, D.	Browne, S.	Broy, E.	Burgess, J.	Clarke, D.
Byrne, C.	Byrne, P. J.	Campbell, P.	Christian, W.	Gogan, G.
Cremin, M.	Delaney, J. B.	Donnelly, T.	Gleeson, F.	Irwin, D.
Graham, L.	Healy, L.	Holmes, D.	Harris, A. G.	McManus, D.
Kearns, P. J.	Lalor, A.	Lynch, H.	Lynch, S.	Murray, R.
Meagan, N.	Merry, J.	Mills, E.	Mitchell, O.	O'Keeffe, R.
O'Brien, P. C.	O'Connell, J.	O'Connell, N.	O'Flynn, O.	Tannam, D.
O'Reilly, D.	Redmond, B.	Ryan, J. D.	Sullivan, J.	
Winston, M.	Wolahan, A.	Wolohan, M.		

1936-1937

Austin, G.	Barry, C.	Barry, O.	Batty, P.	Bergin, T.
Brennan, J.	Butler, J.	Byrne, F.	Clarke, D.	Clarke, M.
Corrigan, D.	Corrigan, Ml.	Corrigan, M.	Corrigan, P.	Corrigan, W.
Cullen, C.	Dardis, C.	Dardis, J.	Dodd, B.	Donnelly, L.
Donnelly, J.	Donnan, C.	Dwyer, W.	Fagan, W.	Farrell, M.
Fearon, E.	Fearon, J.	Fearon, P.	Gallagher, K.	Gogan, J.
Kearns, T. B.	Keogh, V.	Kiltie, B.	Kiltie, J.	Kordina, J.
Lambert, B. J.	Leahy, B.	McMahon, V.	McNally, J.	Maguire, T.
Martin, E.	Mills, E.	Molloy, F.	Mulvey, S.	O'Gorman, J.
O'Keeffe, E.	O'Sullivan, G.	Pettit, J.	Ryan, D.	Searson, K.
Walsh, P. J.	Waters, M.	Wilson, P.		

1937-1938

Austin, A.	Brady, C.	Butler, G.	Cairns, C.	Clinton, J.
Coakley, S.	Corrigan, W.	Delaney, L.	Delaney, N.	Doolan, J.
Dowling, H.	Drumm, J.	Egan, D.	Fanagan, Jn.	Fanagan, Jos.
Fearon, G.	Fennell, F.	Finn, J.	Fitzsimon, B.	Flynn, D.
Foley, D.	Gallagher, N.	Gaffney, T.	Hayes, S.	Hayes, M.
James, W.	Kennedy, C.	Kennedy, R.	Kirby, Sm.	Leahy, J.
Little, W.	Lynch, B.	Lynch, K.	Lynch, L.	McCarthy, A.
McCarthy, J.	McGarry, E.	McInerney, R.	McGarry, E.	Mills, C. W.
Morris, F.	Murray, G.	O'Brien, Pk.	O'Brien, Tim	O'Byrne, S.
O'Connor, U.	O'Kelly, D.	O'Reilly, J. B.	Reynolds, J. W.	Robinson, J.
Scott, W.	Sinclair, J.	Soughley, P. J.	Stubbs, V.	Taylor, E.
Walsh, J.	Warren, J.	Winston, F.		

1938-1939

Ardiff, H.
Burke, M.
Corrigan, N.
Gogan, Coth.
Hughes, J.
Leahy, T.
McDonald, J.
Magee, D.
Montgomery, G.
Neville, K.
O'Neill, L.
Reynolds, M.
Whitney, B.

Becker, A.
Burke, R.
Cronin, J. G.
Gogan, C.
Kelly, C.
Lynch, D.
McGloughlin, A.
Maguire, C.
Morris, B. J.
Nolan, T. J.
O'Reilly, B.
Roberts, W.
Whitty, R.

Bouchier, J.
Clarke, J. H.
Cronin, M.
Harkin, B.
Kelly, P.
Lynch, D. M.
McGloughlin, M.
Meagan, A.
Murray, N.
O'Byrne, P.
O'Reilly, F.
Ryan, F.

Burgess, W.
Clarke, J. K.
Dunne, P. B.
Healy, J.
Kennedy, B.
Lynch, P.
McManus, G.
Milner, P.
Murray, T.
O'Connell, D.
O'Sullivan, D.
Seery, P.

Burke, E.
Clifton, M.
Egan, P.
Hogan, M.
Kinlen, D.
McCann, J.
McManus, N.
Mooney, N.
Nestor, J.
O'Donovan, T.
O'Sullivan, P. J.
Walsh, J. B.

1939-1940

Archer, L.
Davenport, F.
Drumm, G.
Fennell, M. F.
Griffin, K.
Hughes, Ger.
Lavelle, K.
McAuliffe, B.
Maher, W.
Murphy, F.
O'Callaghan, T.
Redmond, A.
Tuohy, A.
Watmough, P.

Bergin, J.
De Lacey, D.
Dwyer, K.
Fitzsimons, C.
Griffin, N.
Joyce, V.
Lavelle, M.
McCarthy, J.
Mangan, M.
Norton, J.
O'Kelly, K.
Ryan, D.
Tuohy, D.

Bermingham, P.
Dempsey, D.
Dwyer, M.
Fitzsimon, L.
Grace, J.
Kavanagh, M.
Lynch, Gear.
McGuirk, F.
Morgan, R.
Nunan, M.
O'Reilly, P.
Ryan, M.
Tuohy, S.

Byrne, P. J.
Dorgan, M.
Earley, L.
Gaskin, C.
Grogan, S.
Kelly, Peter
Lynch, Ger.
McGuirk, J.
Morrin, D.
O'Brien, Jas.
O'Rorke, C.
Swan, E.
Walsh, D.

Callinan, B.
Doyle, L.
Farrell, J.
Gray, O.
Hogan, P.
Lambert, W.
Lynch, M. B.
McGuirke, K.
Mulligan, D.
O'Byrne, J.
Peters, J.
Swan, R.
Walsh, G.

1940-1941

Banim, D.
Byers, H.
Conway, T.
Dalton, Des
Duff, I.
Gogan, T.
Horne, J.
Leahy, J.
Nolan, V.
O'Toole, J.
Rountree, S.
Seymour, G.

Barry, K.
Cantwell, S.
Corcoran, M.
Doddy, P. J.
Dwyer, W. A.
Graham, J.
Judge, D.
McConville, M.
O'Connor, G.
Pearson, P.
Ryan, Jas.
Shannon, N.

Bermingham, T.
Carey, T.
Corrigan, P. J.
Doherty, N.
Egan, A.
Halton, P.
Kierse, P.
McClellan, B.
O'Flanagan, C.
Quilty, J.
Ryan, John
Whelan, R.

Browne, T.
Conroy, D.
Corrigan, P. M.
Doherty, J.
Fitzpatrick, C.
Harrington, T.
Kinlen, K.
Murphy, E.
O'Grady, P.
Rogers, J. C.
Ryan, J. F.
Woods, T. J.

Butler, M.
Conway, R.
Cronin, F.
Dowling, J.
Funge, P.
Heeney, K.
Leahy, C.
Murray, A.
O'Kelly, P.
Rooney, C.
Schworer, P.

1941-1942

Ahearne, J.
Blake, E.
Corcoran, B.
Dowling, V.
Fallon, M.
Gibney, L.
Hilliard, B.
Kavanagh, P.
McCann, F.
Nestor, Jer.
O'Grady, J.
Power, P.
Shannon, Jos.
Woods, P.

Ahearne, Jas.
Brady, P.
Crookes, B.
Downes, L.
Fitzsimon, K.
Gogan, P.
Jones, J. F.
Keenan, J.
McCann, S.
O'Byrne, M.
O'Sullivan, E.
Reardon, J.
Shevlin, J. F.

Baker, A.
Brennan, P.
Dalton, B.
Downes, N.
Flusk, B.
Gogan, Ter.
Joyce, D.
Kelleher, N.
McConville, G.
O'Dwyer, D.
Pakenham, C.
Rafter, P.
Timmons, E.

Bermingham, S.
Cassidy, B.
Dalton, D.
Doyle, J.
Flusk, M.
Gray, E.
Joyce, R.
Kelly, Brian
McConville, J.
O'Dwyer, M.
Peoples, P.
Reardon, J.
Walsh, Jas.

Biggs, P.
Cassidy, J.
Dowling, S.
Eustace, B.
Gallagher, B.
Heron, N.
Johnston, C.
Kelly, Bern.
Murray, J.
O'Farrell, S.
Phayre, H.
Riall, R.
White, P.

1942-1943

Ballantine, T.	Barrett, D.	Batt, K.	Bergin, D.	Bodkin, B.
Brennan, C.	Brennan, P.	Browne, A.	Byrne, M.	Clarke, M.
Clavin, L.	Cogley, F.	Cousins, Fin.	Cox, G. J.	Crosby, T.
Dockery, J.	Doolan, P.	Doyle, C. J.	Fitzgerald, W.	Foley, P. J.
French, E.	Geoghegan, A.	Gogan, Bn.	Grace, W.	Harrison, R.
Healy, A.	Hyder, D.	Johnston, T.	Kenny, S.	King, P.
Lambert, F.	McCarthy, C.	McCarthy, P. J.	McConville, P.	McDowell, B.
McGauran, L.	McGowan, R.	McGuinness, B.	Martin, P. J.	Moore, P.
Moore, T.	Murphy, J.	Murphy, M.	Murray, C.	Murray, P.
Nicholls, K.	Nolan, A.	O'Beirne, P.	O'Brien, J.	O'Brien, M.
O'Connell, A.	O'Connor, M.	O'Farrell, J.	O'Farrell, Syl.	O'Grady, V.
O'Leary, E.	O'Meara, D.	O'Neill, F.	O'Neill, P.	O'Reilly, Jos.
O'Reilly, P. M.	O'Rourke, B.	O'Shea, R.	Prendeville, P.	Reynolds, W.
Ritchie, R.	Roche, P.	Ryan, Cyr.	Sheerin, P.	Sparrow, K.
Staunton, D.	Staunton, E.	Thornton, D.	Ward, K.	Whelan, D.
Whitney, R.	Whooley, N.			

1943-1944

Ardiff, C.	Ballantine, Ter.	Barron, L.	Brennan, C.	Brooder, P.
Brooder, T.	Bushnell, A.	Byrne, B.	Byrne, L.	Byrne, P.
Byrne, S.	Byrne, T. A.	Caffrey, C.	Cairns, M.	Casey, J. P.
Cassidy, S.	Cousins, Fer.	Cousins, M.	Crimmins, W.	Cullen, My.
Dalton, O.	D'Arcy, J. T.	Dempsey, G.	Donnelly, T.	Downey, D.
Farley, N.	Fitzpatrick, D.	Flanagan, N.	Gannon, D.	Geoghegan, D.
Geoghegan, N.	Gibney, M.	Gibney, T.	Gilligan, M.	Gilsenan, A.
Gilsenan, J.	Gilsenan, M.	Gogan, L.	Gough, W.	Griffin, D.
Higgins, J.	Hocor, M.	Joyce, D.	Keenan, C.	Kelleher, D.
Kelly, F.	Kelly, T.	Kerr, D.	Kinsella, D.	Lewis, A.
Lewis, R.	Lynch, E.	McArdle, D.	McDara, G.	McNamara, A.
Maher, M. F.	Martin, M.	Moylett, M.	Murnaghan, M.	Murphy, K.
O'Brien, S.	O'Connell, T.	O'Connor, V.	O'Dea, M.	O'Duffy, G.
O'Kelly, H.	O'Mahony, J.	O'Mahony, P.	O'Reilly, Ger.	O'Rourke, G.
O'Sullivan, Ds.	Reynolds, Ger.	Riordan, R.	Robinson, P.	Rogers, B. M.
Searson, F.	Sheridan, M. F.	Stuart, D.	Walsh, S.	White, C.

1944-1945

Agnoli, S.	Brady, D.	Brady, G.	Browne, M.	Byrne, Bren.
Byrne, J.	Casey, J. F.	Cohan, M.	Cohan, P.	Cooke, S.
Crofton, D.	Crosby, P.	Cunningham, C.	Curran, O.	Davidson, V.
Dennis, A.	Dillane, D.	Doherty, R.	Donnelly, P.	Donnelly, V.
Dowling, D.	Duffy, K.	Fagan, Cy.	Fagan, F.	Fallon, D.
Fitzsimons, P.	Fusciardi, E.	Fusciardi, R.	Garvey, T.	Glavin, M.
Gogan, Bd.	Gray, W.	Hegarty, D.	Hussey, B.	Hussey, D.
Kavanagh, J.	Keegan, C.	Kenny, Fer.	Kenny, W.	Keogh, C.
Keogh, L.	Keogh, P.	Leahy, D.	Leahy, W.	Lee, D.
Lee, J. J.	Lennon, P.	Loughrey, F.	Loughrey, P.	Loughrey, T.
Lynch, M.	Lynch, T.	Lyons, I.	McCann, J.	McCusker, L.
McGloughlin, J.	McGowan, P. J.	Maguire, B.	Martin, R.	Montague, F.
Moore, R.	Morrissey, D.	Morrissey, P.	Murphy, B. P.	Murphy, M.
Nolan, D.	Nolan, T.	O'Brien F.	O'Byrne, K.	O'Byrne, R.
O'Farrell, B.	O'Neill, B.	O'Reilly, N.	O'Sullivan, G.	O'Sullivan, L.
Plunket, L.	Rafter, V.	Reddy, J.	Redmond, L.	Rolandson, J.
Rowley, N.	Rutledge, B.	Rynhart, D.	Tallon, F.	Tallon, R.
Tannam, G.	Thornton, P.	Tyrrell, B.	Tyrrell, Pk.	Tynam, R.
Tyrrell, W.	White, D.			

1945-1946

Ahern, M.	Andrews, M. C.	Atkins, J.	Atkins, W.	Bagnall, Jn.
Baldwin, E. F.	Ballantine, B.	Banahan, N.	Bowden, L.	Bowden, S.
Brennan, G.	Brennan, P. J.	Burns, M.	Byrne, Des	Byrne, Edm.
Byrne, Jas.	Caffrey, B.	Cantwell, B.	Cantwell, D.	Carroll, M.
Chievers, N.	Clancy, M.	Cooke, E.	Corrigan, Dd.	Cronin, A.
Cronin, B.	Curran, J. P.	Daish, B.	Doherty, P.	Doolan, M.
Doorly, F.	Egan, F.	Farrell, P. I.	Furey, Jos.	Fusciardi, A.
Graham, T.	Heaney, A.	Kavanagh, B.	Keane, C.	Keenan, T.
Kilmer, K.	Maher, M.	Martin, A.	McArdle, K.	McCann, S.
Moore, D. F.	Moore, S.	Murphy, Js.	Murphy, M.	Murray, B.
Nolan, W.	O'Brien, C.	O'Donohue, D.	O'Mahony, D.	O'Meara, A.
O'Sullivan, J. J.	Pemberton, D.	Priestly, P.	Riordan, D.	Roche, J.
Salmon, E.	Shortle, F. J.	Durkan, M.	Shortle, W.	Simpson, J. G.
Smith, Jas.	Staunton, M.	Traynor, J. D.	Walsh, Pk.	

1946-47

Brennan, J.	Cahill, G. P.	Cervi, P.	Claffey, N.	Clarke, J. J.
Connolly, A.	Corcoran, P.	Cronin, Jn.	Cullen, T.	Curran, G.
Davey, A.	Delaney, D. J.	Dockery, J.	Dowling, J. F.	Dowling, P. J.
Doyle, J. W.	Doyle, M. F.	Duffy, P. A.	Earley, W. J.	Egan, Jos.
Farrell, P. J.	Fitzpatrick, S. F.	Flanagan, J. C.	Garrad, C. T.	Gillies, A. D.
Hayes, P.	Horgan, M. P.	Hughes, J. A.	Johnston, P.	Jones, Rt.
Keating, J. P.	Kelly, J. A.	Keogh, P. J.	Lanigan, K.	Leach, M.
Ledwidge, J.	Lennon, P. J.	Loughrey, Dt.	Lynch, Bd.	Lyons, A. S.
Lyons, G.	MacArthur, D.	MacGuinn, J.	Madigan, E.	Maguire, C. T.
Mahon, B.	Martin, D.	McArdle, D. P.	McCambridge, G.	McGarry, L.
McGlade, J. P.	McGovern, K.	McGovern, V.	McLennan, R.	McMahon, O. G.
McManus, N.	Mooney, E. W.	Moore, J. P.	Moore, Sm.	Murtagh, M.
Nagle, M.	O'Brien, Dl.	O'Byrne, J. E.	O'Connell, S.	O'Connor, G.
O'Connor, M.	O'Connor, R.	O'Donovan, D.	O'Kelly, C.	O'Leary, J. A.
O'Loan, P. J.	O'Meara, N.	O'Neill, J. C.	O'Toole, E.	Pearson, D.
Purcell, D.	Reddy, B. F.	Reynolds, P. H.	Roche, J.	Rubener, J. A.
Rutherford, D.	Searson, N.	Shiel, D. J.	Shiel, F. P.	Shiel, P. M.
Smurfit, J. J.	Smurfit, M. W.	Stobie, W.	Stuart, C.	Thornbury, T.
Walton, D.	Whyte, G.	Woodhouse, J. A.		

1947-1948

Austin, A. V.	Bevan, C.	Bevan, J.	Boland, J.	Bolger, W.
Bowden, G.	Bowles, J.	Bowles, N.	Boyle, M.	Brosnan, W.
Burke, Jas.	Burke, R. J.	Byrne, H. B.	Cahill, Pk.	Callan, J.
Carr, F.	Carroll, P. T.	Carroll, P.	Clarke, F.	Coleman, V.
Corrigan, G.	Corry, T.	Curley, A.	Curley, Con	Dee, M.
Delaney, J.	Demery, Pk.	Doran, M.	Fahy, R. A.	Fitzsimons, G.
Flavin, J.	Foley, E.	Forshaw, R.	Furlong, S.	Fusciardi, S.
Green, D.	Guilfoyle, F.	Hughes, M.	Kavanagh, I.	Kavanagh, J.
Kavanagh, P.	Kelly, Jas.	Kennedy, J.	Kennedy, M.	Kennedy, T.
Kenny, N.	Lawlor, L.	Lynch, Pk.	Lynch, Teo.	May, Pk.
McElroy, W.	McMahon, C.	McMullan, L.	Meenan, P.	Montague, C.
Moore, Jn.	Motherwell, K.	Murphy, D. F.	Murray, W.	Myler, E.
O'Brien, D.	O'Connor, Ds.	O'Connor, Dn.	O'Neill, D.	O'Reilly, H.
O'Toole, M.	Pitchford, J.	Rodigro, H.	Rutledge, K.	Shiel, A.
Shortle, W.	Stuart, P.	Sullivan, J.	Tyrrell, P.	Whelan, G.
Woodhouse, W.				

1948-1949

Bracken, A.	Buckley, D.	Bushnell,	Byrne, K.	Carey, P. S.
Churchward, D.	Cogan, M. P.	Condren, R. P.	Conlon, V.	Conroy, S.
Cremin, P.	Creswell, R. A.	Cronin, T.	Cusack, Ferg.	Duncan, E.
Ellard, D.	Farrell, M. J.	Farrell, N.	Fitzgerald, Dk.	Foley, V.
Forbes, I. K.	Fox, Sean	Gallagher, N.	Garvey, J.	Hanlon, Pk.
Harkins, R.	Harnett, H.	Hendrick, J.	Hogan, Me.	Hughes, Rt.
Jones, M. B.	Jones, P.	Jones, W. G.	Joyce, R.	Keane, Jas.
Keating, J. F.	Keogh, M. F.	Lawlor, Jos.	Madigan, C.	Maguire, J. P.
McAneney, J.	McClory, P.	McConigly, Pk.	McConnell, S.	McEvoy, R. B.
McLoughlin, B. M.	McMahon, E.	McNamara, E.	Moore, M. O.	Mulcahy, D.
Mulcahy, L.	Mullan, Don.	Murphy, M.	Murphy, P. K.	Nagle, B.
Nolan, R.	O'Brien, J. E.	O'Connor, N.	O'Donovan, Don.	O'Flynn, D.
O'Flynn, M.	O'Grady, M.	O'Lochainn, McD.	O'Reilly, Cy.	O'Reilly, D. J.
O'Shea, B.	Reddy, N.	Ryan, Sean	Scannell, P.	Sheehan, Jas.
Smith, J.	Walker, C. P.	Walsh, Jas.	Walsh, W.	Walshe, Bdn.
White, Diar.	White, J.			

1949-1950

Bardin, B.	Beare, Pk.	Berrie, D.	Birkett, L.	Brady, Fns.
Bray, Fer.	Browne, M.	Byrne, Pk.	Byrne, Rt.	Carty, Dn.
Cavey, K.	Coleman, Bas.	Corrigan, B.	Cullen, Pk.	Curtis, D.
Duffy, M. A.	Duffy, P. F.	Durkan, K. P.	Fanning, N.	Fitzgerald, E.
Flavin, N.	Forde, Dk.	Furlong, D. M.	Gogan, Geo.	Gogan, N.
Greene, N.	Hamilton, J. N.	Hanley, Pk.	Hogan, Pk.	Jones, Matt.
Kennedy, N.	Kennedy, Pk.	Kenny, Jas.	Kinahan, Pk.	King, Eric
Langley, B.	Lea, Brian	Lenahan, J.	Loughrey, S.	Lynch, M.
Lynch, Pk.	Lynch, Sean	Mangan, F.	McDonald, M.	McGuinness, P.
McHenry, E.	McMahon, H.	Meade, E.	Murray, Jas.	Nagle, P. F.
O'Connell, A.	O'Connell, B.	O'Donohue, A.	O'Donohue, C. J.	O'Gallagher, J. T.
O'Meara, Rory	O'Shea, Pk.	O'Sullivan, By.	Phelan, B.	Prendergast, F.
Quinn, B.	Reynolds, S.	Roche, H.	Roche, L.	Rossi, Pk.
Ryan, Dd.	Scott, Jn.	Shore, Rt.	Sisk, Geo.	Tonge, J.
Tonge, Pk.	Traynor, F. J.	Traynor, M.	Veale, E.	Walshe, K.
Watchorn, C.	Whelan, B.	Whyte, R. J.		

1950-1951

Aldwell, C. R.	Bailey, C. A.	Banahan, P.	Batt, R.	Baynes, J.
Bradshaw, D.	Carroll, B. A.	Clair, J. K.	Coffey, R.	Conroy, L. A.
Cooney, E.	Costello, D. A.	Courtney, L. A.	Cusack, R.	Denham, D. R.
Doherty, P. W.	Dooley, P. V.	Drennan, P.	Egan, E. L.	Flanagan, N. K.
Flynn, D. J.	Furey, H.	Gallagher, F.	Gilsenan, D.	Hainbach, K. R.
Hamilton, J. N.	Hanlon, J. C.	Harrison, F. D.	Heagney, L. M.	Healy, M. V.
Hession, E.	Hooper, C.	Jordan, D. E.	Keenan, M. A.	Kehoe, E.
Kelley, N. V.	Kennedy, D.	Kennedy, J.	Langley, J.	Lennon, D.
Leyden, P.	Lyons, L. D.	Maher, T.	Mahon, R.	Maxwell, M. T.
Maynard, D.	McConigley, J.	McGlade, M.	McGlade, P.	Mulcahy, H.
Mullally, R.	Murphy, T. A.	O'Beirne, D.	O'Beirne, F. I.	O'Conaill, S. M.
O'Doherty, C. G.	O'Donovan, F.	O'Gallagher, P. F.	O'Leary, J. H.	O'Neill, K. J.
O'Reilly, T. J.	O'Shea, Rory	Palmer, G. C.	Phelan, B.	Power, J. A.
Redmond, J. J.	Ronaldson, D.	Searson, A.	Sheerin, J. J.	Sheerin, P. J.
Short, Q.	Slevin, B.	Somers, M.	Tierney, B.	Uhlemann, K.
Walsh, T.	Walsh, V. C.	Williams, B.	Winters, J. G.	

1951-1952

Ahearne, M. P.	Bannon, A.	Best, Peter	Bowles, P.	Connolly, P. J.
Carville, J. V.	Cassidy, L.	Cohen, G.	Coleman, J.	Cowley, M.
Cooke, N.	Costello, A. V.	Cotter, B.	Cowley, G.	Doyle, Cyr.
Cox, Peter	Cummins, J. P.	Donovan, P.	Dowling, F.	Esdale, M. W.
Doyle, H. L.	Du Pradal, J.	Dunne, E.	Elliott, J.	Foran, T. F.
Fair, D.	Fanning, G.	Farrell, M. J.	Fitzgerald, E.	Harte, P.
Garvin, T. C.	Gibney, Jas.	Gibson, M.	Hamill, J.	Hussey, J.
Haugh, K.	Hennesy, P.	Hooper, M.	Hough, K. L.	Ladd, J. A.
Keane, T.	Keegan, K.	Keogh, P.	Keogh, P.	Maguire, F.
Carr, F. B.	Lane, M.	Lee, Jas.	Lynch, L. A.	McDwyer, J.
Mangan, C. A.	Masson, K. A.	Masson, Y.	McDonald, J.	Murphy, Jas.
McEvoy, L. B.	Mooney, B. V.	Mullan E.	Murphy, B.	O'Leary, M.
Nagle, D.	O'Carroll, L.	O'Donovan, B.	O'Halloran, J.	O'Sullivan, D. J.
O'Loan, A.	O'Meara, D. J.	O'Neill, H.	O'Rourke, C.	Sellars, A.
Rafter, E.	Robinson, J. P.	Rossi, D.	Ryan, J. F.	
Sheridan, A. C.	Swendell, E. J.	Treacy, M. I.	White, E. H.	

1952-1953

Armstrong, R.	Blair, C.	Blair, D.	Bonham, R. W.	Brennan, B.
Browne, A. V.	Burke, D.	Burke, R. J.	Burke, R.	Byrne, M.
Byrne, P.	Byrne, W.	Cassidy, A.	Connolly, N. P.	Cooper, D.
Costello, M.	Cronin, W.	Daly, G.	Daly, N. F.	Deering, E.
Doherty, J. A.	Duncan, C. P.	Dunphy, K.	Earley, A.	Fanning, B.
Gaffney, S.	Garvey, M. F.	Glynn, B.	Groom, N. G.	Hainbach, C.
Harte, P.	Hartford, B.	Hayden, T.	Henderson, J.	Hennesy, J. J.
Hickie, D.	Hicks, P. W.	Keenan, Pk.	Kelly, D. G.	Kelly, Rk.
Kenny, D. A.	Lindsay, B.	Lynch, P.	Lynn, C. J.	McGowan, H. J.
McInerney, J.	McMahon, P. J.	Moran, B. M.	Moran, P. J.	Muldoon, B. C.
Muldoon, Ch.	Muldoon, Cl.	Muldoon, Dn.	Murphy, By.	Murphy, J.
O'Byrne, W.	O'Callaghan, C.	O'Connor, D.	O'Flaherty, M.	O'Grady, G.
O'Kelly, B.	O'Kelly, M.	Price, A.	Rafter, T.	Rumpf, W.
Ryan, P.	Savage, G.	Sheerin, B.	Somers, N.	Sweeney, J. G.
Toner, N.	Veale, M.	Williams, B.	Wilson, R. J.	

1953-1954

Altman, N. J.	Anderson, D.	Archer, B.	Balfe, D. J.	Baynes, J.
Berry, P. J.	Bills, E.	Bloomer, A. D.	Brennan, R.	Browne, J. O.
Cahill, J. F.	Carroll, J. S.	Carty, Con	Cogan, A. G.	Coleman, B. J.
Cooper, W. F.	Costello, G. J.	Costello, J. W.	Coyle, E.	Cullen, M. J.
Curtis, G.	Cusack, P.	Deering, T.	Doddy, J. P.	Donnelly, E.
Elliott, Des	Evers, B.	Fanning, Jas.	Farrell, L.	Fitzgerald, D. P.
Fitzgerald, V.	Fitzsimon, D.	Fleming, G.	Freeley, J. D.	Garvin, T.
Glynn, J. J.	Granville, D.	Hackett, J. D.	Harrington, R.	Harrison, I.
Heagney, B. J.	Hooper, D.	Jerrold, I.	Joyce, D. S.	Kearns, N. J.
Keating, B.	Keating, J. T.	Keeley, P.	Kelly, B.	Kinahan, J.
Lavelly, G.	Lawlor, J.	Lawlor, P.	Lawlor, T.	Leahy, M. A.
Lynskey, F.	McCarthy, M.	McCormack, J.	McDonagh, K.	McGetterick, A.
McGregor, M.	Quinn, E. A.	McLoughlin, P. M.	Mooney, A. P.	Mooney, F. M.
Mooney, L. F.	Mullan, K.	Mullen, G. P.	Murphy, A. E.	Murphy, Ter.
Murray, A. P.	O'Carroll, A.	O'Connell, D.	O'Connell, J.	O'Kane, W.
O'Neill, V.	O'Reilly, M.	O'Sullivan, D. A.	Power, D.	Power, R.
Ryan, D.	Sadlier, T. F.	Selby, E. C.	Sharpe, B. A.	Sheehan, Jos.
Smyth, R.	Whelan, M. A.	Woodcock, N.		

1954-1955

Agnew, Don.	Ahearne, D.	Bailey, R.	Berry, P. F.	Boland, J.
Boylan, F. J.	Brown, T.	Burke, C.	Burke, N.	Byrne, Dk.
Byrne, G.	Caffrey, A. D.	Casey, B.	Cassidy, H.	Coleman, N.
Collison, D.	Corry, Dec.	Costello, P. F.	Daly, F. M.	Davey, H. P.
Davis, Pk.	Doddy, Pl.	Donnelly, G.	Donnelly, J. P.	Dorgan, D.
Duncan, O.	Dunne, Rt.	Fagan, B.	Fair, D.	Farrell, E.
Flanagan, P. C.	Forde, M.	Gaffney, D.	Gannon, D.	Garland, N.
Gilmartin, J.	Gilmartin, J.	Glynn, M.	Green, A.	Hardy, L.
Hardy, M.	Hawkswell, V.	Heffernan, P. K.	Hetherington, D.	Hickey, F.
Hickie, A.	Hodgins, L. J.	Horgan, Dn.	Hutton, C.	Hutton, I.
Jerrold, A.	Kelly, O. J.	Kennedy, Dt.	Kenny, P. O.	Keogh, D.
Keogh, H.	Kinahan, Jas.	Kinane, J. T.	Kinane, N. F.	Kirby, D. P.
Lynch, B.	Lyons, E. F.	Lyons, P. D.	Martin, M.	Massey, D. B.
McArdle, B.	McCarthy, J.	McGlade, J. C.	McGregor, R. P.	McGuinness, K. C.
McNamara, S.	Montague, G.	Mooney, D.	Mulligan, D.	Murphy, J. R.
Murphy, Ciar.	Murphy, K. P.	Murphy, R. M.	Murray, C.	Naughton, A. P.
O'Brien, D. P.	O'Callahan, B.	O'Connell, A. M.	O'Connell, S. M.	O'Connor, Don
O'Donohue, A. M.	O'Hora, J. J.	O'Reilly, G.	O'Reilly, P.	O'Shannon, D.
O'Sullivan, By.	Palmer, G.	Price, V.	Riordan, B.	Smith, By.
Smith, F.	Strahan, B. M.	Sullivan, D.	Swift, B. L.	Thornton, T. R.
Uhlemann, F. J.	Urban, D.	Walsh, P. J.	Ward, J.	Weafer, F. D.
Westby, A.	Wilson, D.	Wolahan, C.	Young, R. L.	

1955-1956

Anderson, P.	Baynes, F.	Baynes, K.	Blackbyrne, P.	Bracken, J.
Bodkin, P.	Boles, J. C.	Boles, N. J.	Bourke, P.	Cassidy, B. J.
Burke, P.	Burke, T.	Byrne, D. A.	Byrne, J. D.	Crilly, O.
Coleman, A. P.	Coleman, G. M.	Collins, D. M.	Corrigan, P.	Dowling, N. J.
Crosby, A.	Cuddihy, E. J.	Davey, P.	Del Rio, A. M.	Finlay, S.
Elliott, B.	Elliott, J.	Evans, D. P.	Farrell, L. V.	Garvin, J.
Fitzgerald, D. P.	Flynn, J.	Foley, Ron	Gallagher, R. J.	Hefferon, L.
Geraghty, B. P.	Gilsenan, J.	Harrington, D.	Hastings, W.	Hunter, K.
Hefferon, M.	Hodgins, S.	Hoey, M. J.	Hogan, E. B.	Kelly, Jer.
Jones, C.	Jones, K.	Keane, A.	Keane, N.	Kinsella, W.
Kelly, O. J.	Kenny, J.	Kenny, P. O.	Kinsella, P.	Martin, P. J.
Liddy, D. M.	Lynch, P. A.	Lyons, B. A.	Martin, K.	McNally, K.
McCann, P.	McDowell, J. F.	McGoey, P.	McInerney, M.	O'Brien, B.
Moylan, T.	Mulligan, H. W.	Murphy, I. M.	Norton, J.	O'Donovan, F. D.
O'Brien, T.	O'Connell, P.	O'Connor, J. B.	O'Connor, M. T.	Pyne, J. F.
O'Meara, B. P.	O'Reilly, P. F.	O'Sullivan, J.	O'Toole, D. M.	Sexton, G. P.
Rafter, P. A.	Redmond, J. J.	Ryan, D.	Sadlier, G. A.	Swan, J. J.
Shanley, D. J.	Sharvin, G. F.	Sheeran, P.	Sinnott, J. C.	White, A. M.
Swan, Nigel	Taylor, A. J.	Thornton, J. F.	Walsh, J. A.	
Williams, G. R.	Wilson, P. M.			

1956-1957

Andreucetti, A.	Bacon, P. D.	Bagnall, R.	Bloomer, I.	Bourke, P. J.
Boyd, R. K.	Boylan, P. C.	Butler, J. C.	Butler, J.	Byrne, Cahal
Byrne, D.	Byrne, P.	Caffrey, D. E.	Caffrey, P. D.	Cahill, D.
Carroll, J.	Cassidy, C. A.	Charleton, G. J.	Clancy, C. J.	Clerkin, P.
Coffey, R. E.	Coglan, R. D.	Conheady, Jas.	Conheady, J. F.	Conlon, P.
Connolly, J. P.	Corcoran, R. J.	Corrigan, B.	Corrigan, D.	Corrigan, K.
Cullen, F.	Cunningham, S.	Danielak, J. B.	Dardis, J.	Davey, A.
Del Rio, C.	Demery, J.	Devereux, F. L.	Diskin, A. P.	Doner, J. D.
Duffy, J. D.	Elliott, J.	Fair, R.	Feehan, P.	Feehan, R.
Finan, J.	Fitzgerald, J.	Fleming, C.	Gargan, J. D.	Giltrap, J. P.
Godfrey, B. H.	Greene, J.	Hanlon, M. J.	Harrison, R.	Hogan, D.
Hooper, P.	Horgan, J. M.	Horgan, M. B.	Howlin, D. J.	Joos, Jos.
Jordan, J. T.	Jordan, M. A.	Keating, M.	Keeley, S.	Keenan, G.
Keogh, P.	Kinahan, K.	Lazlo, P.	Leamy, P. D.	Lee, Derek
Lynch, V. J.	Lyons, T.	Maguire, J. M.	Manahen, G. A.	McDonnell, A.
McGettrick, J.	McGlade, L.	McInerney, P.	McKenna, T.	McNamara, K.
McSorley, D. J.	Meade, J. P.	Moloney, B.	Moloney, G. A.	Moloney, J.
Moran, M.	Mullally, A. C.	Murphy, G. M.	Murphy, J. F.	Murphy, T. D.
Nagle, A.	Nagle, Corm.	Nagle, F.	Nagle, V. J.	Nash, R. J.
Naughton, J.	Nolan, Ger.	O'Brien, D.	O'Brien, L. M.	O'Connor, B.
O'Connor, F.	O'Connor, J. F.	O'Dwyer, P.	O'Looney, J. J.	O'Loughlin, D. J.
O'Meara, B. F.	O'Neill, D. F.	O'Neill, Rt.	O'Neill, S. P.	O'Rourke, F.
O'Sullivan, C.	Quinlan, M.	Quinn, M. S.	Quinn, P. J.	Reidy, W. J.
Sadlier, Jos.	Sheppard, L.	Sheridan, M. K.	Smyth, D.	Sullivan, P.
Toner, E.	Tyrrell, A. P.	Walsh, Pk.	Walsh, P. O.	Westby, J.
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Byrne, S.	Carty, N. J.	Cassidy W. D.	Cogan, A. G.	Coleman, B.
Coleman, D.	Collison, D.	Cooper, W.	Corrigan, D.	Costello, J.
Coveney, D.	Cusack, P. D.	Davis, P.	Delaney, P.	Dunphy, K.
Elliott, J.	Evers, B.	Fair, J.	Fanagan, J.	Farrell, L.
Fearon, J.	Fitzgerald, V.	Fitzsimons, D.	Giltrap, G.	Glynn, J.
Glynn, B.	Hackett, J.	Hainback, P.	Harrington, R.	Heagney, B.
Joyce, D.	Judge, G.	Kavanagh, J.	Keane, N.	Kearns, J.
Keating, M.	Keeley, P.	Kennedy, D.	Kenny, D.	Keogh, J.
Kinahan, J.	Lavelle, G.	Leahy, M.	Lynch, P.	Maguire, P.
Mangan, A.	Massey, B.	McDonagh, M.	McGettrick, J.	McKenna, B.
McLoughlan, P.	Montague, G.	Mooney, F.	Moran, M.	Mulligan, P.
Murphy, A.	Murray, A.	Noonan, C.	Norton, P.	O'Callahan, J.
O'Connor, J.	O'Donnell, C.	O'Donovan, C.	O'Farrell, B.	O'Grady, G.
O'Kelly, B.	O'Reilly, P.	Price, A.	Ryan, P.	Shanley, C.
Sharpe, B.	Sheehan, J.	Sheridan, M.	Strahan, G.	Swift, D.
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Coleman, D.	Corcoran, R.	Corrigan, Dd.	Coveney, D.	Curran, F.
Deasy, R.	Delaney, P.	Fair, J.	Fanagan, J.	Fearon, J.
Feeney, R.	Foley, R. V.	Geraghty, K.	Gilsenan, A.	Giltrap, G.
Glynn, M.	Green, D.	Grimson, B.	Grissing, L.	Groom, G.
Hanratty, F.	Hanratty, P. J.	Hanratty, P.	Hardiman, F.	Hardiman, S.
Higgins, A.	Higgins, P. A.	Hogan, M.	Hughes, A.	Hutton, S.
Judge, G.	Kelly, Jas.	Kelly, M. A.	Keogh, J.	Madden, P. G.
Maguire, P.	Mangan, A. D.	Mangan, J. G.	Massey, B.	McAuley, T.
McCarthy, W. O.	McCauley, J. P.	McCormick, T.	McDonagh, J. H.	McDonagh, J.
McDonagh, M.	Mill-Arden, E.	Molloy, S.	Moloney, G.	Moylan, T.
Moylan, T.	Mulligan, P.	Murphy, A.	Murphy, Tim	Nicoletti, R.
Noonan, C.	O'Brien, M.	O'Doherty, C.	O'Doherty, D.	O'Doherty, E.
O'Doherty, E.	O'Donnell, C.	O'Donovan, C.	O'Farrell, B.	O'Hagan, G.
O'Hagan, G.	O'Hagan, J.	O'Kelly, B.	O'Leary, F.	O'Leary, F.
O'Shea, N.	O'Sullivan, B.	O'Toole, M.	Price, A.	Pringle, A.
Pringle, A.	Pyne, Thos.	Redmond, L.	Redmond, L.	Ryan, D.
Ryan, G.	Ryan, Thos.	Sadlier, D.	Sadlier, D.	Sadlier, J.
Shanley, C.	Shanley, D.	Sheeran, P.	Stack, G.	Strahan, G.
Swift, D.	Tierney, P.	Toner, C.	Tyrrell, A.	Uhlemann, F.
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Connolly, P. J.	Conroy, S. J.	Cooke, N.	Coveney, B.	Cullen, C.
Davey, D.	Devitt, P. G.	Donnelly, B.	Donnelly, P.	Donovan, Don.
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Finan, P. D.	Fleming, C.	Fogarty, G. V.	Foley, R.	Gallagher, B.
Geraghty, R.	Hinchy, R. P.	Houston, F. J.	Howarth, J.	Jennings, D.
Kavanagh, S.	Kearney, P.	Kelleher, N.	Kendrick, C.	Keenan, V.
Kennedy, J.	Kennedy, T.	Lawson, C.	Lee, A.	Lynch, Bern.
Lynch, T.	Mack, A.	Manning, V.	McCormick, L.	McDonnell, A.
McDonnell, J.	McKeon, J. F.	Michael, P.	Molloy, R.	Moran, D.
Moran, T.	Mort, H. G.	Mort, J. J.	Mulcahy, T.	Murphy, A.
Murphy, G.	Murphy, T.	Murphy, Thos.	Nagle, C.	Norton, J.
Norton, P.	O'Byrne, J.	O'Connor, M.	O'Donovan, D. A.	O'Farrell, F.
O'Farrell, F.	O'Kelly, B.	O'Meara, B.	O'Neill, J.	O'Shea, N.
Price, C.	Ryder, P. A.	Salmon, J.	Scales, V. H.	Sharkey, G. W.
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Cassidy, K. J.	Cathcart, A.	Cathcart, E.	Clancy, C.	Cluskey, B.
Coffey, J.	Confrey, P.	Conheady, B.	Conlon, A.	Conlon, D.
Cullen, P.	Davey, L. B.	Deering, S.	Del Rio A.	Donnelly, P.
Donohue, D.	Doyle, D.	Duffy, G.	Dunne, B.	Fallon, D. J.
Fanagan, D.	Farrell, C.	Finan, J.	Finlay, M.	Fitzpatrick, M.
Flanagan, S.	Foley, D.	Foley, S.	Ganly, J. P.	Greene, D.
Greene, P.	Hamilton, R.	Heagney, V.	Horgan, P.	Houston, F.
Kelly, P.	Kennedy, F.	Kennedy, Jas.	Leahy, P.	McShane, A.
Lee, J. G.	McGrane, D. P.	McKell, R. C.	McLoughlin, P.	Moran, D.
Michael, P.	Molloy, Dec	Molloy, R.	Mooney, C. A.	Mulvagh, R. D.
Morris, D.	Mothersill, C.	Mullan, C. J.	Mullett, J. V.	Odorvas, C.
Murphy, J. P.	Nagle, V.	Nahra, M.	Nolan, P.	O'Donovan, R. O.
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Pomeroy, M.	Rafter, J.	Reade, W. M.	Reardon, A.	Shiels, J. D.
Russell, P. M.	Ryan, E.	Shanahan, J.	Sheppard, J.	Tunney, M.
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Byrne, J.	Byrne, M.	Byrne, O.	Cahalane, J.	Cassidy, J. L.
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Costello, B.	Coyle, B.	Coyle, R.	Creedon, B.	Creedon, E.
Crofts, J. M.	Cullen, G.	Cunningham, P. J.	Davis, R.	Delaney, A. P.
Dowling, Dk.	Doyle, P.	D'Alton, J. A.	Farrell, P. J.	Fitzgerald, B.
Fitzgerald, P. A.	Flynn, P.	Fusco, F.	Gately, M.	Gibson, E.
Gilsenan, P.	Ging, B.	Gunn, B.	Harrington, J.	Hefferon, M.
Henry, D.	Hickey, D.	Hickey, J.	Hoare, J.	Hughes, B.
Ingram, R.	Keating, G.	Keelan, E.	Kelly, G.	Kelly, P.
Kenny, M.	Keogh, J.	Keogh, P.	Kirwan, T. F.	Lavery, D. G.
Lavery, M. B.	Leahy, P.	Leavy, P.	Levins, A.	Lindsay, B.
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McGillicuddy, D.	McKell, D.	McPhillips, T.	McWilliams, A.	Merron, B.
Ming-Ong, E. R.	Molloy, B.	Moloney, D. K.	Moloney, T. F.	Moore, E.
Morelli, R.	Mulvey, F.	Mulvey, J.	Murray, J. R.	Neligan, D. A.
Nevin, D.	Morris, J.	O'Brien, E.	O'Brien, P.	O'Callaghan, C.
O'Connor, R. A.	O'Donohue, V.	O'Dowd, Jas.	O'Farrell, R.	O'Flaherty, K.
O'Flaherty, T.	O'Keeffe, J.	Olohan, M.	O'Meara, P. M.	O'Neill, J.
O'Rahilly, M.	O'Riordan, D.	O'Sullivan, D.	O'Sullivan, J.	Pacitti, G.
Purcell, D.	Quinlan, J.	Quirke, D. M.	Rafter, P.	Reade, J. N.
Roberts, J.	Rosenberg, P.	Ryan, C.	Ryan, D. E.	Ryan, D. F.
Ryan, Ger.	Ryan, W.	Savage, D.	Seager, M.	Seager, R.
Sinnott, B.	Smith, P.	Smyth, D.	Smyth, G.	Stenson, I.
Tobin, Wm.	Tunney, S.	Walsh, D.	Walshe, M.	Warren, J.
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Callan, C.	Cannon, J.	Carvill, J.	Cathcart, N.	Coffey, L.
Coleman, C. M.	Colley, A. P.	Conheady, S.	Connolly, J.	Coveney, N. J.
Creedon, S.	Davey, M.	Davis, D.	Donnelly, B.	Dorgan, A.
Duffy, J.	Egan, F.	Fanagan, P.	Flynn, P.	Foley, M.
Gaffney, D. J.	Gallagher, B.	Gannon, C.	Geraghty, R.	Gibson, E.
Gilsenan, P.	Golden, R.	Greene, D.	Hammond, D.	Hayes, S.
Hefferon, C.	Hooper, D.	Johnson, V.	Jordan, J.	Keegan, M.
Keenan, V.	Kennedy, A.	Kennedy, M.	Kiely, J. G.	Kirley, P.
Leaden, M.	Leahy, P.	Leavy, P.	Lindsay, C. F.	Long, T.
Marks, J.	McAuley, M.	McConnell, J.	McCreerey, J.	McCulloch, A.
McDonagh, E.	McDonnell, D.	McGillicuddy, D.	McGrath, D.	McKell, D.
McShane, D.	McVey, R.	Michalsci, E.	Molloy, R.	Moore, E.
Moran, A.	Morris, D.	Mullan, E.	Mulvey, D.	Murphy, Dk.
Murphy, G.	Murphy, G.	Naughton, L. J.	O'Cofaigh, E.	O'Dwyer, T.
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O'Sullivan, G. M.	Pimente, L. G.	Powell, M.	Rafty, J.	Reardon, H.
Roberts, J.	Shaffrey, P.	Shallow, M.	Shanahan, T.	Skelly, D.
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Byrne, D.	Byrne, J.	Byrne, M.	Caffrey, D.	Cafolla, A.
Cafolla, R.	Carmody, M.	Collison, J.	Collison, M.	Connolly, B.
Covendon, C.	Cullen Ch.	Cunningham, M.	Davis, C.	Deegan, R.
Delaney, G.	Dominique, J.	Dorgan, A. P.	Doyle, J.	Doyle, J.
Fanning, D.	Farrell, A.	Fitzgerald, D.	Fitzgerald, G.	Fitzgerald, P.
Flood, P.	Foley, J.	Fox, D.	Gallagher, M.	Gallagher, J.
Geoghegan, C.	Geraghty, F.	Gleeson, J.	Godfrey, J.	Golden, R.
Gormley, P.	Gough, J.	Groome, G. P.	Healion, L.	Heavey, D.
Hoare, R.	Howard, D.	Howlin, D. J.	Kearns, R.	Kelly, F.
Kennedy, H.	Kinane, R.	Kinnane, V. Le	Bas, R.	Magee, G.
Maguire, J.	Maguire, P.	Malone, A.	McAlister, V.	McAlister, C.
McCarroll, J.	McCarthy, D.	McCormack, M.	McGannon, P.	McGoldrick, B.
McGovern, P.	McGovern, T.	McGuire, J.	McKeown, P.	McKeown, T.
McLaughlin, M.	McLoughlin, E.	Molloy, C.	Morris, E.	Mulligan, D.
Mulligan, P.	Mulvey, S.	Nahra, J.	Norton, P.	Oliver, J.
Opperman, K.	Oppermann, P.	O'Beirne, A.	O'Beirne, C.	O'Beirne, P.
O'Carroll, C.	O'Connell, C.	O'Doherty, C.	O'Donnell, F.	O'Donnell, R.
O'Gormon, V.	O'Keeffe, A.	O'Loughlin, T.	O'Loughlin, P.	O'Neill, D.
O'Reilly, F.	Pacitti, G.	Parak, A.	Poutch, S.	Quinlan, D.
Quirke, A.	Redahan, E.	Reddy, C.	Redmond, C.	Redmond, E.
Rowan, P.	Saab, E. A.	Saab, G. A.	Salmon, P.	Seager, R.
Shanley, C. D.	Sheehan, S.	Sheerin, C.	Skelly, R.	Tabbal, N.
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Clancy, J.	Coffey, N.	Colley, L.	Colley, M. J.	Colley, L.
Collins, E.	Confrey, P.	Conheady, G.	Conlon, A.	Conlon, G.
Conlon, I.	Conlon, P.	Cooney, P.	Crofts, J.	Cunningham, P.
Doyle, P.	Dunne, G.	Fanagan, M.	Farrell, M.	Fitzpatrick, C.
Flood, P.	Fusco, F.	Gallagher, B.	Groome, G. P.	Healy, P.
Hefferon, C.	Hickey, G.	Hinchy, R. P.	Hughes, R.	Isbaal, N.
Johnson, P.	Keane, E.	Kelly, S.	Keogh, J.	Le Bas, D.
Levins, D.	Logue, H.	Long, T. A.	Magee, C.	McCarroll, A.
McCarthy, D.	McCullough, J.	McDonagh, T.	McEntee, H.	McKell, B.
McKeown, J. F.	McKey, M.	Merren, B.	Molloy, C.	Molloy, D.
Mulvey, Sh.	Murphy, C.	Murphy, J. C.	Murphy, R.	Murphy, C.
O'Brien, J.	O'Connor, D.	O'Flanagan, E.	O'Flanagan, O.	O'Gorman, F.
O'Nuallain, P.	O'Riordan, D.	O'Toole, L.	Pacitti, A.	Power, P.
Radburn, M.	Rafter, D.	Rafter, J.	Rogan, P.	Rowan, P.
Sandys, P.	Scales, W.	Scales, W.	Schuster, A.	Shannon, P.
Sharkey, G. W.	Sharpe, A. A.	Sheehan, J.	Sheehy, B.	Sheridan, T.
Skelly, R.	Slatterny, S.	Smith, N.	Somerville, N.	Tarrant, D.
Tozer, J.	Walsh, P.	White, B.	White, D. D.	White, J.
Wood, T. J.				

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Andreucetti, D.	Arigho, D.	Bolger, K.	Bourke, R.	Burke, S.
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Conlon, G.	Coughlin, G.	Cunningham, J.	Delaney, I.	Doran, D.
Doyle, C.	Doyle, P.	Dunne, N.	Egan, N.	Farrell, C.
Farrell, J.	Fitzpatrick, K.	Fogarty, P.	Foley, B.	Greene, B.
Greene, R.	Griffin, A.	Gueret, P.	Jones, J.	Jones, M.
Jones, P. C.	Keane, B.	Keating, G.	Keegan, J.	Kennedy, C.
Lenihan, S.	Martin, J.	McCarthy, C.	McCulloch, J.	McDonnell, A.
McDonnell, B.	McElroy, J.	McEntee, F.	McGrath, P.	McManus, J.
Moloney, D.	Mooney, B.	Moylette, M.	Mulcahy, J.	Muldoon, D.
Murphy, F.	Murphy, J.	Murphy, K.	Murray, R.	O'Connor, R.
O'Doherty, C.	O'Higgins, R.	O'Kelly, C.	O'Neill, C.	O'Neill, D.
O'Neill, J.	O'Reilly, P.	O'Shea, A.	Pomeroy, O.	Quigley, B.
Quirke, B.	Redmond, P.	Rice, M.	Rice, S.	Ryan, D. J.
Scott, F.	Sheeran, D.	Shortall, P.	Slattery, I.	Slattery, R.
Smyth, S. B.	Sullivan, B.	Sweeney, F.	Thornton, M.	Tiernan, E.
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Byrne, G.	Cahill, D.	Callan, C. R.	Cavanagh, D.	Chester, M.
Conheady, Pl.	Costello, L.	Coveney, D. F.	Cowman, D.	Coyle, P. B.
Cregan, J. M.	Dagge, B.	Deering, D.	Deering, K.	Delaney, P.
Doyle, R.	Dunne, P.	Fanagan, G.	Farnan, K.	Fitzgerald, I.
Fitzgerald, M.	Flanagan, P.	Fowler, J.	Gannon, P.	Geoghegan, N.
Godfrey, R. C.	Graham, M.	Greene, W. C.	Healy, D.	Hickey, T.
Imbert, C.	Imbert, M.	Jones, G.	Jones, M.	Kennedy, B.
Kennedy, M.	Keogan, D.	Largey, C.	Larkin, D.	Leahy, P. P.
Lonegan, D.	McCarthy, D.	McCreery, J. P.	McDonnell, R.	McTiernan, F.
Melvin, E.	Murray, D.	Murray, I.	Opperman, W.	O'Beirne, P.
O'Brien, B.	O'Cofaigh, E.	O'Flanagan, E.	O'Neill, R.	O'Rourke, P.
O'Sullivan, B.	O'Sullivan, J.	Quigley, K.	Quinlan, J. A.	Quinn, D.
Raftery, M.	Redahan, J.	Redmond, A.	Redmond, P.	Rodery, E.
Rowantree, F.	Shung Sun, E.	Slattery, W.	Sloan, R.	Tierney, T.
Tracey, J.	Valentine, C.	Walker, P.	Whelan, J.	White, D.

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Armstrong, E.	Ashman, A. G.	Bermingham, K.	Black, P.	Bowe, P.
Burke-Moran, M.	Butt, D.	Byrne, B.	Byrne, D.	Byrne, G.
Byrne, P. B.	Byrne, P. B.	Coffey, B.	Cogley, D.	Coman, J.
Connell, L.	Corrigan, P.	Crosbie, M.	Cunningham, P. J.	Curtis, C.
Dean, P.	Doyle, J.	Dunne, D.	Dunne, G.	Dunne, I.
Fanagan, S.	Fearon, G. C.	Fitzgerald, P.	Fitzpatrick, J.	Fullen, J. D.
Gallagher, J.	Godfrey, G. P.	Graham, P.	Gray, P.	Green, J.
Greene, R.	Healy, M.	Heeney, B.	Hefferon, J.	Hughes, M.
Imbert, M.	Keane, E. G.	Kelly, A.	Kelly, C.	Kelly, D. J.
Kelly, K. N.	Keogh, P.	Kerrigan, P.	Largey, B.	Leahy, A.
Leahy, B.	Levins, C.	Lynch, P.	Lynch, T.	Mackey, P.
Maher, D.	Maher, P. H.	McCarthy, P.	McCarthy, S.	McDonald, P.
McDonald, S.	McGoldrick, R.	McNally, B.	McShane, D.	McShane, P.
McSorley, D.	Melvin, E. J.	Moloney, D. M.	Moylette, D.	Mullally, M. G.
Mulvey, P.	Murphy, D.	O'Beirne, C. M.	O'Brien, A.	O'Brien, T.
O'Byrne, S.	O'Connell, T.	O'Connor, J.	O'Connor, B.	O'Connor, D. M.
O'Doherty, C. M.	O'Doherty, C. M.	O'Gorman, V. P.	O'Kane, C.	O'Moore, B.
O'Neill, D.	O'Neill, H. F.	O'Nuallain, U.	O'Reilly, K.	Payne, C.
Pouch, S. P.	Power, C.	Quigley, C.	Raftery, D.	Redmond, B.
Rothery, C.	Russell, C.	Ryan, E.	Shannon, D. J.	Sheehan, B.
Sirr, P.	Sloan, C.	Tannam, L.	Thornton, P.	Tozer, J. G.
Tuke, D.	Waldron, J.	Walsh, D. P.		

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Ambrose, J.	Bennett, D.	Bennett, J.	Blunden, P.	Booth, B.
Byrne, M.	Byrne, R.	Cassidy, C.	Clancy, J.	Cleary, T.
Corcoran, D.	Cosgrove, M.	Crowe, M.	Davitt, P.	Delaney, H.
Devlin, P.	Donnelly, S.	Doyle, C.	Eagan, D.	Farrell, A.
Fearon, R.	Fleming, D.	Gallagher, P.	Gannon, K.	Gannon, M.
Gilligan, D.	Gowran, M.	Harrington, N.	Hartigan, J.	Healy, L.
Keane, K.	Kerrigan, F.	Kinsella, G.	Larney, J.	Ledwith, M.
Lennon, G.	Leo, R.	Logue, H.	Lonergan, P.	MacDonnell, K.
Maguire, S.	Martin, N.	McCarthy, G.	McCutcheon, J.	McEntee, J.
McGrath, P.	McGrath, S.	McVey, D.	Muldoon, S.	Mulvihill, C.
Murray, F.	Murray, K.	O'Byrne, L.	O'Connor, C.	O'Nuallain, T. P.
O'Reilly, F. G.	O'Shaughnessy, D.	O'Sullivan, O.	O'Toole, L. M.	Payne, N.
Redahan, C.	Redahan, E. M.	Redmond, C. P.	Rice, M. J.	Robins, E.
Rothery, E.	Russell, A.	Schuster, A. W.	Shannon, R. B.	Sheehan, D.
Sheehan, J. A.	Sherry, B.	Stephenson, P.	Sweeney, F. L.	Thomas, T.
Walker, R. F.	Walsh, P. R.	Walsh, P. J.	Ward, J.	Whelan, A.
Winder, N.				

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Bowe, M.	Brennan, J.	Bulger, K.	Byrne, N. J.	Carr, F. A.
Cassidy, P.	Coman, D.	Cooke, Sh.	Creegan, C.	Cunningham, J. D.
Deegan, M. R.	Doran, D. F.	Doyle, P. C.	Farrell, J. T.	Fearon, P.
Fitzgibbon, F. E.	Flood, E. D.	Gallagher, J.	Graham, J.	Hammond, D.
Heerin, M.	Hickey, G. J.	Hughes, K.	Keane, B. F.	Keating, G. C.
Kelly, R. P.	Keogan, J. J.	Kiernan, M.	Lawlor, D. J.	Leaden, M. J.
Leavy, J.	Leavy, M.	Lee, J. L.	Lenahan, J. P.	Lynch, J. M.
McAlister, J.	McCarthy, P. D.	McCarthy, P.	McCormac, A.	McCullough, J.
McDonald, D. J.	McDonald, F.	McDonnell, A. M.	McManus, J. C.	McShane, J.
Madden, P. G.	Mooney, B. G.	Morton, E.	Murray, I. J.	O'Connor, B. D.
O'Callaghan, J. D.	O'Cofaigh, N. G.	O'Connor, R. P.	O'Kelly, C. D.	O'Neill, D. J.
O'Neill, C. J.	O'Reilly, P.	O'Reilly, P. G.	O'Shea, A. B.	Pomeroy, O. H.
Power, M.	Quigley, D. P.	Quinn, H. J.	Quinn, L.	Redmond, G.
Ryan, S.	Schuster, I.	Scott, F. J.	Shortall, D. P.	Stokes, R. A.
Sullivan, B. J.	Sweeney, D.	Tallon, D.	Treanor, J. V.	Teevan, D.
Waters, M. E.				

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Ambrose, E.	Bennett, P.	Branagan, L.	Breathnach, A.	Byrne, E.
Byrne, G.	Byrne, I.	Clancy, P.	Cogley, N.	Connell, J.
Conway, F.	Cooke, C.	Cowman, F.	Cunningham, J.	Daly, M. A.
Daly, M.	Daly, S.	Delany, B.	Donnelly, P.	Drumm, M.
Drumm, S.	Farrell, M.	Farrell, S.	Fitzgerald, J.	Fitzpatrick, G.
Gately, J. M.	Gately, J.	Gilsenan, J.	Gueret, M.	Hanna, M.
Hickey, D.	Hourican, P. F.	Hourican, P.	Judge, P.	Kavanagh, M.
Kelly, D.	Kirk, D.	Kyne, G.	Lawler, M.	Lawlor, G. L.
Lawlor, G.	Leahy, P.	Leo, W.	Lynch, M.	Magahy, I.
Martin, B.	McDonald, J.	McDonald, P.	McDonnell, R. B.	McDonnell, Rt.
McEniff, N.	McKey, D.	Moylett, P.	Murphy, M.	Murray, Ph.
Murray, P.	Opperman, P.	O'Brien, D.	O'Connor, J.	O'Flaherty, L.
O'Flanagan, A.	O'Neill, B.	O'Neill, P.	Quigley, R.	Rafferty, J.
Raftery, D.	Redmond, M.	Rice, C.	Robins, K.	Shaffrey, P.
Sheridan, A.	Sheridan, A. J.	Shiel, J.	Stephenson, U.	Toland, P. T.
Toland, P.	Walsh, J.	Woods, B.	Woods, J.	Woods, P.
Wright, A.				

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Ahearne, M.	Barry, P.	Blunden, J.	Bowe, J.	Brooder, P.
Brophy, E.	Budds, C.	Byrne, L.	Byrne, M.	Byrne, P.
Byrne, S.	Burke-Moran, J.	Cantwell, D.	Carroll, R.	Conn, M.
Corish, E. J.	Corish, E.	Cosgrove, P.	Cregan, K.	Cremin, G.
Crofts, M.	Davitt, M.	Digby, A.	Donnelly, P. E.	Donnelly, P.
Fagan, D.	Fletcher, F.	Gallagher, D.	Geoghegan, R.	Geraghty, M.
Geaney-Casey, J.	Gilleece, N.	Gogan, T.	Graham, G.	Hartigan, P.
Heron, R.	Holland, K. J.	Holland, K.	Jones, D.	Kearney, P. F.
Kearney, P.	Kelly, P.	Kennedy, J.	Keogh, J.	Lenahan, P.
Lucas, P.	Lynch, L.	Maher, J.	McCabe, S.	McCarthy, J. M.
McCarthy, Dd.	McCarthy, Des	McCarthy, P.	McKey, B.	McSharry, R.
McSharry, C.	McSweeney, M.	Meenan, G.	Morrin, K. M.	Morrin, K.
Mullen, T. J.	Mullen, T.	Nolan, J.	O'Byrne, P.	O'Connell, D.
O'Doherty, E.	O'Donovan, D.	O'Kane, D.	O'Neill, S.	O'Nuallain, C.
Power, R.	Quigley, D.	Quinlan, M.	Quinn, D.	Randles, N.
Regan, K.	Ronaldson, R.	Russell, R.	Sheerin, F.	Slattery, M.
Stokes, C. J.	Stokes, C.	Sullivan, J.	Sullivan, J. P.	Traynor, V.
Turley, J. J.	Turley, J.	Ward, B.	White, Des.	Woods, K. S.
Woods, K.				

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Burgess, I.	Byrne, D.	Byrne, P.	Cassidy, B.	Clifford, G.
Conlon, K.	Conlon, L.	Cross, G.	Cousins, B.	Cunningham, J. M.
Delaney, A.	Delaney, C.	Delaney, D.	Dennis, H.	Donnelly, N.
Dunne, C.	Dunne, P.	Dwan, J.	Fanagan, J.	Farnan, S.
Farrell, J.	Fearon, J.	Foley, W.	Furlong, J.	Geaney, J.
Gilsenan, B.	Goldrick, J.	Gray, P.	Hanratty, B.	Hanley, M.
Harnett, N.	Hassett, G.	Hickey, A.	Keegan, T.	Kildea, J.
Lennon, A.	Lynch, L.	McCambridge, G.	MacGiolla Riogh, P.	McGovern, M.
McTiernan, T.	Maher, G.	Millar, T.	Moloney, A.	Montague, D.
Morton, J.	Mullen, H.	Murphy, C.	Murray, C.	Murray, R.
O'Connor, R.	O'Donovan, D.	O'Hora, D.	O'Sullivan, D.	Reilly, G.
Roantree, B.	Roe, M.	Stephenson, H.	Teevan, R.	Tiernan, C.
Tomany, F.	Trant, G.	Tynan, D.	Watts, D.	Wilson, P.
Yendole, S.				

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Booth, B.	Briddock, N.	Byrne, E.	Byrne, G.	Byrne, S.
Cahalane, K.	Coman, T.	Corrigan, W.	Cosgrove, G.	Cowley, S.
Crofts, R.	Crowe, D.	Darby, D.	Davitt, R.	Dennis, H.
Donnelly, I.	Donovan, P.	Dooley, M. C.	Doyle, J.	Dunne, G.
Ellison, D.	Fearon, M.	Fleming, P.	Fletcher, L.	Glynn, J.
Gray, T. I.	Gunning, S.	Hassett, G.	Heslin, C.	Heslin, P.
Hession, M.	Jennings, P.	Jones, C.	Jones, C.	Kenny, B.
Kerrigan, B.	Kerrigan, D. B.	Loughrey, J.	MacDonnell, M.	Maher, C.
McCambridge, S.	McCarthy, T.	McCulloch, A.	McDonald, D.	McEvoy, A.
McSweeney, D.	Merriman, V.	Moran, R.	Morris, G.	Murphy, C.
Murray, D.	Neligan, N. J.	Nolan, K.	Norris, P.	O'Halloran, B.
O'Kane, J.	O'Neill, M.	Purcell, C.	Quinn, N. D.	Quinn, N.
Rennick, P.	Russell, C.	Ryan, K. G.	Scanlon, T.	Thornton, J.
Turley, M.	Waldron, M.	Watts, M.	Whelan, P.	White, C.
White, O.	Wigglesworth, E.			

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Budds, N.	Burgess, C.	Byrne, J.	Callinan, G.	Colfer, J.
Coman, P.	Conaty, S.	Condren, J.	Conway, K.	Coyne, J.
Cremmin, N.	Crosbie, M.	Cross, P.	Cullen, D.	Culleton, D.
Cunnane, K.	Cunningham, V.	Dargan, J. G.	Dargan, J.	Donnelly, G.
Doyle, D.	Dunne, J.	Dunne, O.	Farrell, C.	Fee, D.
Figgis, D.	Fitzgerald, J.	Flood, E.	Geaney, D.	Gilligan, C.
Gogan, J.	Hanratty, C.	Heron, J.	Holland, S. M.	Holland, S.
Horne, J. J.	Horne, J.	Hughes, D.	Kearney, J. H.	Kearney, J.
Kennedy, J.	Keogh, G.	Kerrigan, D.	Kilmartin, D.	Maher, C.
Mahony, P.	McArdle, C.	McDonald, B.	McGreen, B.	McNulty, R.
Mockler, R.	Montague, M.	Mooney, J.	Muldoon, J.	Mulvihill, W.
Murphy, R.	Murray, K.	Naughton, D.	Naughton, P.	O'Connell, J.
O'Connor, J.	O'Connor, F.	O'Donovan, D.	O'Neill, B.	O'Regan, A.
Quigley, G.	Quinn, D.	Randles, J.	Reilly, D.	Roantree, P.
Ronaldson, J.	Shanahan, W.	Tynan, M.		

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Bevan, M.	Byers, D.	Byrne, C.	Conlon, D.	Corish, N.
Cosgrove, J.	Crowe, W.	Deasy, J.	Donnelly, E.	Donovan, J.
Doyle, D.	Dunne, B.	Finn, P.	Foley, C.	Funge, C.
Gilligan, P.	Harty, P.	Hassett, J.	Hassett, J. F.	Heane, T.
Hoey, A.	Horne, A. T.	Horne, A.	Kearney, M. C.	Kearney, M.
Kearney, P.	Kearney, W.	Keenan, P. G.	Keenan, P.	Kelly, A.
Kennedy, B.	Kennedy, D.	Keogan, P.	Layden, D.	Long, G.
Loughrey, D.	Lucas, N.	Maguire, A.	McCarthy, B.	McCulloch, I.
McDevitt, B.	McEniff, B.	McSharry, P.	McSweeney, E.	Morton, R.
Murphy, E.	Murray, P.	Naughton, K.	O'Donoghue, W.	O'Hara, B.
O'Keeffe, C.	O'Kelly, J.	O'Reilly, P.	Pearle, N.	Pierce, T.
Purcell, S.	Rahilly, P.	Reid, M.	Rennick, D.	Roche, P.
Ronayne, M.	Scanlon, J.	Smith, B.	Stapleton, M.	Sweeney, N.
Tee, C.	Tracey, N.	Traynor, R.	Ward, C.	Watts, J.
Whelan, P.	Winston, G.	Wright, J.		

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Beirne, J.	Boland, J.	Budds, C.	Byrne, D.	Byrne, N.
Carvill, K.	Cowley, R.	Crowe, P.	Daly, R.	Dolan, F.
Dowling, J.	Dromey, J.	Dwan, M.	Flood, D.	Fogarty, D.
Fox, N.	Funge, N.	Gogan, A.	Herriott, B.	Hickey, K.
Higgins, J.	Higgins, M.	Keenan, M.	Kelleher, D. A.	Kelleher, D. P.
Kelly, B.	Kennedy, R.	Keogh, R.	Kilmurray, P.	Kissane, C.
Leo, M.	Lowrey, M.	McDermott, C.	McDonnell, N.	McDonnell, R.
McGann, G.	McGovern, A.	McKenna, D.	McNulty, F.	Montague, A.
Murphy, R.	O'Brien, J.	O'Cofaigh, C.	O'Donoghue, R.	O'Neill, F.
Persse, R.	Purcell, C.	Raymond, G.	Reeves, P.	Rice, C.
Rice, D.	Roantree, F.	Rossi, S.	Ruane, P.	Russell, J.
Ryan, D.	Ryan, E.	Ryan, G.	Smyth, R.	Stuart, T.
Sweeney, A.	Tracey, S.	Turley, N.	Wall, D.	

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Avrimidis, L.	Brabazon, D.	Brennan, B.	Bruce, H.	Byrne, P.
Byrne, R.	Callinan, C.	Clerkin, J.	Cole, P.	Coman, W.
Condon, J.	Condren, Dar.	Condren, Dec.	Cooke, A.	Delaney, D.
Dillon, T.	Doddy, L.	Dolan, F.	Dwyer, J.	Figgis, P. J.
Fitzsimon, J.	Fogarty, D.	Funge, P.	Gannon, G.	Hartigan, B.
Heaky, J.	Hogan, T.	Hussey, A.	Kelly, E.	Kelly, J.
Kennedy, P.	Keogh, C.	Kilmartin, R.	Lavin, T.	Lee, P.
Leo, M.	Linnane, B.	Lucey, C.	Lynam, E.	Lynch, M.
Lyons, D.	McAvennie, B.	McCarthy, B.	McEniff, L.	McGill, M.
McGuinness, D.	McNally, P.	Maher, D.	Maguire, B.	Moloney, J.
Mulvihill, B.	Naughton, A.	O'Donohue, B.	O'Donovan, A.	O'Flaherty, C.
O'Kane, J.	O'Neill, E.	Regan, M.	Rice, F.	Ruane, D.
Shanahan, A.	Thorne, M.	Tighe, R.	Traynor, G.	Traynor, P.
Ward, R.				

1978-1979

Brabazon, E.	Bradley, A.	Byrne, S.	Casey, B.	Collins, M.
Costello, I.	Costello, J.	Cunnane, F.	Davis, D.	Deasy, O.
Dolan, P.	Dowling, T.	Doyle, D.	Dromey, D.	Durkan, F.
Dwyer, P.	Farrell, J.	Finegan, J.	Fitzgerald, P.	Flanagan, D.
Foley, M.	Glynn, A.	Gogan, S.	Graham, S.	Halpin, G.
Hanratty, C.	Hoey, A.	Horne, A.	Hughes, K.	Keegan, D.
Keelan, D.	Keenan, N.	Keogan, D.	Lavin, S.	Long, E.
Lynch, P.	Maher, C.	McCarthy, M.	McDonnell, J.	McNally, J.
McNamara, B.	Molony, C.	Mooney, P.	Moran, J.	O'Beirne, K.
O'Gorman, J.	O'Kelly, N.	O'Neill, O.	O'Reilly, J.	O'Shea, D.
O'Toole, M.	Pearle, S.	Perry, D.	Roche, M.	Ryan, D.
Salmon, J.	Salvino, F.	Shaffrey, P.	Simon, J.	Stapleton, M.
Stuart, M.	Thorne, G.	Trenaman, F.	Twomey, C.	Wall, E.
Watts, G.	Whelan, J.	Whelan, M.	Whelan, P.	

1979-1980

Barry, S.	Brabazon, D.	Brennan, P.	Briddock, A.	Buckley, C.
Byrne, I.	Byrne, P.	Cosgrove, P.	Creedon, C.	Cunningham, D.
Dennis, R.	Dowling, P.	Doyle, A.	Dunne, K.	Finn, A.
Fogarty, S.	Healy, J.	Hogan, R.	Jones, C.	Kelleher, R.
Kelly, J.	Kennedy, B.	Kennedy, M.	Kenny, D.	Keogh, S.
Kirwan, J.	Kissane, C.	Lavin, G.	Loneragan, D.	Long, R.
Lowry, S.	Maher, P.	McCarthy, P.	McConnell, A.	McGivitt, K.
McGill, S.	McLoughlin, P.	McSharry, D.	Moloney, P.	Moran, J.
Murphy, D.	Murphy, N.	Nowlan, K.	O'Brien, N.	O'Callaghan, P.
O'Doherty, D.	O'Neill, E.	O'Sullivan, B.	O'Toole, D.	O'Toole, M.
Pidgeon, J. P.	Pomeroy, V.	Power, W.	Reeves, A.	Regan, R.
Rennick, E.	Roche, B.	Roche, G.	Roche, J.	Rossi, S.
Tracey, S.	Twomey, N.	Walsh, R.	Whelan, S.	Whelan, R.

1980-1981

Alton, A.	Bainbridge, J.	Barry, P.	Beare, L.	Brohpy, T.
Browne, H.	Byrne, H.	Carvill, G.	Condren, E.	Conlon, P.
Cull, M.	Daly, S.	Dennis, G.	Fitzgerald, A.	Flynn, J.
Gardiner, S.	Gilmartin, M.	Hamlon, B.	Harkness, P.	Hickey, P.
Hogan, S.	Holland, J.	Kearney, G.	Keaveney, T.	Kelly, J.
Kelly, S.	Kendal, S.	Keogan, P.	Kernan, J.	Kilmurray, B.
Lynch, R.	Maher, D.	Malone, K.	McBrien, R.	McCabe, D.
McCafferty, G.	McCambridge, D.	McCarthy, C.	McCormack, D.	McGinley, K.
McGuinness, S.	Moran, J.	Mullan, D.	Murphy, R.	Murray, L.
Nagle, P.	O'Brien, G.	O'Flynn, D.	O'Hara, J.	Pelosi, G.
Ring, D.	Riordan, D.	Rossi, A.	Ryan, N.	Raftery-Skehan, M.
Saab, K.	Shiels, D.	Shirley, S.	Sisk, R.	Strahan, S.
Sweeney, J.	Tobin, S.	Trenaman, A.	Wafer, E.	Wallace, V.
Whelan, R.	Young, R.	Young, S.		

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Barnes, D.	Barry, C.	Breathnach, F.	Brennan, K.	Brown, M.
Butler, R.	Byrne, A.	Byrne, A.	Cafolla, A.	Condren, J.
Connolly, K.	Cosgrove, T.	Cotter, S.	Curtin, K.	Doddy, P.
Fanning, G.	Figgis, J.	Finnegan, M.	Fitzgerald, C.	Flood, C.
Flynn, C.	Foley, E.	Forde, D.	Frost, M.	Gilmartin, I.
Groome, G.	Harney, V.	Harty, D.	Heron, J.	Hickey, C.
Hooper, G.	Hughes, G.	Jennings, D. W.	Jennings, J.	Kearney, D.
Kelleher, D. A.	Kennedy, P.	Kenny, D.	Keogh, C.	MacGiolla Riogh, J.
Maguire, P.	McBrien, N.	McElwee, P.	McLaughlin, M.	McNamara, R.
McNulty, C.	Moloney, P.	Moloney, P.	Morris, M.	Mountaine, N.
Murray, K.	Ormonde, E.	O'Gorman, N.	O'Kane, B.	O'Neill, I.
O'Donoghue, S.	Reid, B.	Reilly, M.	Rigby, G.	Riordan, J.
Shanahan, S.	Sheehy, K.	Smith, M.	Smyth, C.	Trant, P.
Traynor, B.	Traynor, P.	Walsh, G.	Ward, F.	

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Bevan, S.	Boyle, M.	Brady, D.	Butler, J.	Byrne, J.
Cahill, D.	Carroll, S.	Coady, A.	Conlon, H.	Corcoran, R.
Devery, A.	Dowling, N.	Doyle, C.	Doyle, P.	Fair, G.
Flanagan, E.	Gardiner, P.	Gillen, R.	Gunn, C.	Heaphy, D.
Hoey, M.	Hughes, M.	Hussey, J.	Keelan, R.	Kelly, G.
Kelly, N.	Kelly, R.	Kendellan, A.	Kenny, E.	Kenny, T.
Lavin, T.	Lewis, A.	Lynch, M.	Marron, P.	Matthews, I.
McAvinue, L.	McCormack, D.	McCourt, C.	McGill, D.	McGinley, T.
McGlade, M.	McGuinness, C.	McHugh, G.	McKibben, R.	Moloney, C.
Mullin, D.	Murray, D.	Newell, T.	Nicell, M.	Nowlan, R.
O'Beirne, L.	O'Connell, J.	O'Connell, T.	O'Shaughnessy, I.	Peoples, G.
Pirie, P.	Power, P.	Rice, E.	Rigby, O.	Ryan, K.
Saab, C.	Shanley, D.	Sheehan, P.	Sheehy, G.	Sheridan, A.
Ward, C.	Whelan, D.			

1983-1984

Bonner, A.	Brinley, A.	Byrne, L.	Cahill, G.	Campion, F.
Cantwell, G.	Carroll, D.	Cavanagh, B.	Coleman, D.	Conboy, A.
Conboy, R.	Condren, M.	Connellan, S.	Cosgrove, M.	Daly, E.
Delaney, L.	Dowling, N.	Doyle, J.	Dunne, M.	Dwan, C.
Flood, R.	Gannon, G.	Garvey, S.	Gibney, E.	Henson, G.
Hickie, D.	Hughes, D.	Jennings, K.	Keaveney, A.	Kelly, K.
Kennedy, S.	Kenny, P.	Leech, C.	Lennon, G.	Lyons, F.
MacAnthony, D.	Mahony, K.	Marry, J.	McCormack, E.	McCormack, S.
McGettrick, B.	McWeeney, J.	McConnell, G.	Molloy, S.	Molohan, T.
Molony, V.	Mountaine, C.	Murphy, J.	Murray, E.	O'Donnell, D.
O'Leary, F.	O'Mahony, N.	O'Mahony, R.	O'Reilly, K.	O'Shaughnessy, A.
O'Sullivan, B.	O'Toole, K.	Purcell, R.	Regan, J.	Roche, J.
Ryan, M.	Sheehan, P. D.	Sheridan, A.	Strong, E.	Stuart, H.
Taggart, S.	Twohig, G.	Walsh, G.	Walsh, J.	Walsh, R.
White, C.				

1984-1985

Bailey, S.	Bainbridge, A.	Bonner, C.	Bowman, D.	Butler, M.
Byrne, A.	Campion, N.	Carvill, D.	Clarkin, A.	Colgan, P.
Connellan, G.	Craig, J.	Curtin, J.	Doyle, A.	Dowling, T.
Field, M.	Frost, T.	Gilbourne, R.	Goulding, B.	Groom, J.
Hanlon, D.	Healy, M.	Hussey, D.	Joners, S. D.	Joyce, A.
Kennedy, A.	Kenny, S.	Kinnane, E.	Lane, J.	Leech, P.
Lewis, P.	Loughrey, C.	Lyons, S.	McCabe, M.	McCafferty, L.
McCarthy, J.	McCormack, R.	McDonagh, B.	McEnroe, P.	McGrath, L.
McGrohan, M.	McHugo, A.	McHugo, S.	McMahon, E.	McNamee, K.
Moloney, P.	Monaghan, R.	Moran, P.	Morrissey, C.	Murphy, D.
Murphy, G.	Murray, G.	Newell, M.	Nicell, P.	Nolan, C.
Ormond, R.	O'Beirne, G.	O'Callahan, R.	O'Carroll, I.	O'Donohoe, D.
O'Donovan, T.	O'Flynn, P.	Patton, D.	Rafferty, D.	Rigby, L.
Riordan, J.	Stewart, C.	Stokes, G. R.	Tohill, D.	Tonge, M.
Trenaman, D.	Walsh, J.	Weymes, M.	Wolahan, G.	

1985-1986

Allen, J.	Bennett, R.	Boucher, G.	Bowman, E.	Brennan, J.
Brophy, S.	Butler, A.	Butler, C.	Byrne, H.	Cafolla, L.
Conboy, A.	Coogan, W.	Cooney, G.	Corbett, R.	Donnelly, B.
Doyle, P.	Dwyer, M.	Fallon, E.	Fogarty, P.	Foley, R.
Gately, D.	Geraghty, S.	Goulding, E.	Grehan, K.	Harkness, M.
Hogan, J.	Hughes, R.	Hynes, F.	Hynes, F.	Keane, J.
Kelly, S.	Kelly, S.	Kenny, R.	Kilbride, J.	Kilbride, P.
Kinahan, J.	Lane, A.	Lucey, C.	Lynch, P.	Lyons, C.
Lyons, P.	Madden, P.	Madigan, E.	Maguire, J.	Maguire, P.
Maguire, R.	Marsh, R.	Mathews, R.	McCormack, D.	McDermott, P.
McEnroe, P.	McGettrick, D.	McKiernan, P.	McLoughlin, N.	McLoughlin, S.
McNally, E.	Moloney, D.	Murphy, M.	Murphy, N.	Murphy, R.
Nisbet, J.	Noonan, K.	O'Brien, R.	O'Duffy, F.	O'Faolain, T.
O'Gorman, N.	O'Leary, A.	O'Riordan, K.	O'Sullivan, B.	Pirie, W.
Quinlan, A.	Redmond, A.	Roche, K.	Rossi, P.	Ryan, D.
Sheridan, J.	Shine, J.	Smith, P.	Strahan, B.	Sugrue, M.
Taggart, A.	Tucker, R.	Watts, J.	Whitaker, J.	

1986-1987

Bajwa, S.	Bradley, T.	Bradshaw, C.	Byrne, R.	Carr, J.
Clarke, G.	Clarke, J.	Clarkin, A.	Coady, A.	Coffey, R.
Condren, M.	Conlon, I.	Cunningham, S.	Daly, R.	Duffy, K.
Fanagan, S.	Finn, E.	Fitzpatrick, A.	Flynn, G.	Flynn, K.
Gardiner, P.	Gibney, R.	Goulding, E.	Hamilton, R.	Harding, S.
Hawkes, A.	Henson, O.	Hickey, S.	Hoddbell, B.	Hogan, K.
Hogan, M.	Joyce, J.	Kehoe, T.	Kelly, C.	Kelly, D.
Kelly, D.	Kelly, F.	Kelly, R.	Kennedy, R.	Leech, D.
Lloyd, G.	Lund, C.	Maher, G.	Malone, K.	Maxwell, T.
McArdle, D.	McBrien, D.	McCabe, F.	McCafferty, L.	McCarthy, G.
McCarthy, M.	McClafferty, J.	McConnell, B.	McCormack, K.	McCormack, M.
McGill, B.	McGinley, C.	McGrath, M.	McNally, B.	Molohan, J.
Mooney, R.	Murray, B.	Murray, J.	Nolan, P.	Nowlan, R.
O'Brien, G.	O'Callaghan, D.	O'Carroll, M.	O'Connell, R.	O'Connell, T.
O'Connor, R.	O'Farrell, M.	Roche, J.	Rigby, F.	Ryan, S.
Shirley, A.	Swift, A.	Swift, E.	Whelan, B.	Woodcock, D.

1987-1988

Altman, S.	Breathnach, C.	Brennan, A.	Brennan, J.	Burke, J.
Byrne, D.	Byrom, P.	Cafolla, S.	Cahill, D.	Cahill, E.
Campbell, K.	Campbell, P.	Cavanagh, N.	Clarke, P.	Conroy, J.
Creedon, E.	Daly, J.	Dardis, C.	Dempsey, C.	Doggett, S.
Donnellan, M.	Donnelly, S.	Doyle, D.	Dwyer, P.	Fearon, C.
Finnegan, J.	Fitzgerald, M.	Fusciardi, M.	Gardiner, P.	Gaughan, N.
Geraghty, B.	Gerard, C.	Gilchrist, N.	Grehan, M.	Groom, G.
Gunn, D.	Hannigan, S.	Hardiman, E.	Henson, R.	Herrick, A.
Herriott, A.	Herriott, B.	Hughes, D.	Jennings, K.	Joyce, J.
Keane, M.	Kelly, M.	Kenny, P.	Kenny, T.	Kerrigan, M.
Lalor, J.	Lane, P.	Lane, P.	Lavelle, M.	Lynam, D.
McCarthy, B.	McCarthy, C.	McCarthy, C.	McDonald, J.	McDonald, K.
McDonnell, K.	McElwee, P.	McEnroe, D.	McGetrick, J.	McGrath, F.
McMahon, N.	McMahon, C.	McNally, C.	McNamee, K.	McWeeney, C.
Mooney, B.	Mullarkey, M.	Murray, G.	Murray, G.	Newell, P.
Nisbet, B.	Norton, P.	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, R.	O'Donohue, R.
O'Donovan, P.	O'Neill, R.	Quinn, D.	Ruane, N.	Ruane, N.
Russell, D.	Sadlier, W.	Shimizu, H.	Smyth, G.	Stenson, P.
Thornton, C.	Thornton, C.	Vaughan, N.	Wade, S.	Walsh, R.
Watters, O.	Whittaker, R.			

1988-1989

Altman, R.	Atkinson, J.	Barry, C.	Brady, J.	Brophy, B.
Buckley, M.	Buckley, M.	Burke, L.	Butler, D.	Byrne, D.
Caffrey, S.	Cahill, B.	Campbell, E.	Campion, D.	
Clerkin, A.	Coffey, L.	Coffey, R.	Collins, J.	Conlon, K.
Conlon, S.	Corrigan, A.	Costelloe, P.	Coyle, B.	Cullen, D.
Daly, K.	Delahunty, S.	Duggan, C.	Fitzpatrick, D.	Fogarty, E.
Foley, R.	Fortune, M.	Gallagher, D.	Gately, P.	Geraghty, M.
Geraghty, N.	Gorman, D.	Granville, P.	Groom, B.	Harrington, P.
Harrison, A.	Harrison, R.	Harte, B.	Henry, K.	Hickie, G.
Hughes, A.	Keane, A.	Keane, Cn.	Keane, C.	Keane, M.
Kirk, J.	Kirwan, M.	Lafferty, E.	Lane, J.	Lavelle, J.
Lewis, K.	Lonergan, S.	Lyons, R.	Madden, P.	Madigan, C.
Marry, S.	McAndrew, K.	McArdle, K.	McCarrick, E.	McCormack, S.
McElwee, S.	McGowan, B.	McGowan, C.	McLaughlin, T.	McMahon, M.
McNulty, C.	McPartland, S.	McQuaid, B.	Moran, B.	Moran, M.
Moran, P.	Morris, V.	Muldowney, S.	Murphy, J.	Murphy, P.
Murphy, S.	Nolan, J.	Nolan, S.	Norton, J.	O'Brien, M.
O'Connor, F.	O'Donnell, D.	O'Donnell, R.	O'Herlihy, M.	O'Loughlin, D.
O'Neill, D.	O'Neill, S.	O'Reilly, A.	O'Reilly, D.	O'Riordan, G.
O'Sullivan, Cm.	O'Sullivan, Cr.	Quinn, M.	Quinn, R.	Rowland, D.
Ryan, R.	Shanley, T.	Shirley, S.	Snee, J.	Verdon, J.
Walshe, J.	Watkinson, J.	Williams, A.	Williams, I.	Williamson, P.
Wynne, I.				

1989-1990

Ahlstrom, D.	Amoroso, P.	Andreucetti, R.	Aspell, J.	Barrett, D.
Birmingham, A.	Boyd, R.	Brew, C.	Butler, M.	Coady, J.
Colleran, M.	Collins, R.	Condon, R.	Connington, K.	Cooney, S.
Corbett, B.	Craig, M.	Culhane, N.	Cusack, A.	Davis, G.
Dempsey, C.	Diamond, P.	Doddy, J.	Donellan, F.	Dowling, J.
Doyle, C.	Duffy, K.	Dunne, S.	Fallon, B.	Fanning, T.
Fearon, C.	Flynn, E.	Forde, D.	Harding, S.	Hendrick, D.
Hicks, S.	Horgan, R.	Keane, A.	Kearney, S.	Kelly, A.
Kenny, R.	Kirwan, C.	Lavelle, R.	Lea, P.	Leahy, P.
Lynch, J. P.	Lyons, E.	MacDevitt, S.	Madden, P.	Marry, S.
Matthews, A.	McCarthy, K.	McCauley, W.	McDonald, J.	McGetrick, C.
McGuinness, G.	Moriarty, M.	Muldowney, S.	Mullin, R.	Murphy, Gn.
Murphy, Mk.	Murphy, R.	Murray, P.	Nagle, S.	O'Brien, M.
O'Dea, M.	O'Leary, C.	O'Leary, F.	O'Leary, M.	O'Loughlin, B.
O'Meara-Willis, M.	O'Reilly, J.	O'Sullivan, D.	Peak, D.	Plenderleith, D.
Queenan, C.	Queenan, D.	Quinn, Mk.	Rafferty, G.	Rynhart, K.
Smyth, D.	Vather, D.	Wall, D.	Wherity, E.	Woolhead, K.
Wynne, R.				

Appendix Two

School Captains 1926-1990

1926-27	Peter Nugent	1958-59	Patrick Cullen
1927-28	Peter Nugent	1959-60	Heber McMahon
1928-29	Daniel Coveney	1960-61	Frank Dowling
1929-30	Michael Branagan	1961-62	David O'Sullivan
1930-31	Gerald S. Cox	1962-63	Brian Coleman
1931-32	James Ganter	1963-64	Michael Forde
1932-33	Fred Ganter	1964-65	Gerard Moloney
1933-34	Louis Dalton	1965-66	Henry Murphy
1934-35	John O'Connell	1966-67	Philip Bourke
1935-36	Dermot P. Smyth	1967-68	Colman Shanley
1936-37	Lorcan Foley	1968-69	James Kelly
1937-38	Oliver J. Byrne	1969-70	Gerard Aylward
1938-39	Thomas Bergin	1970-71	David O'Sullivan
1939-40	Sean O'Byrne	1971-72	William Ryan
1940-41	C. Russell Murphy	1972-73	Henry O'Neill
1941-42	Thomas B. Kearns	1973-74	Dermot McCarthy
1942-43	Cyril J. Byrne	1974-75	Anthony Pacitti
1943-44	Alfred McGloughlin	1975-76	Paul Gueret
1944-45	Anthony Murray	1976-77	Kieran Holland
1945-46	Patrick O'Beirne	1977-78	Gareth Byrne
1946-47	Patrick McCarthy	1978-79	Marc Cosgrove
1947-48	Frank Fennell	1979-80	James Graham
1948-49	Francis Murphy	1980-81	Mark Lawler
1949-50	Bernard Kelly	1981-82	John O'Connell
1950-51	Leo Gibney	1982-83	Stephen Tee
1951-52	Vincent O'Grady	1983-84	Anthony O'Regan
1952-53	Peter Byrne	1984-85	Anthony Moore
1953-54	Michael Byrne	1985-86	John Massey
1954-55	Thomas Cullen	1986-87	Gregory Traynor
1955-56	Anthony Shiel	1987-88	Maurice Leo
1956-57	Neil Reddy	1988-89	John Whelan
1957-58	Patrick Demery	1989-90	Colman McMahon

Appendix Three

Past Student Religious Vocations

Pre-1916

<i>Name</i>	<i>At School</i>	<i>Ordained (Professed)</i>	<i>Diocese (Society)</i>	<i>Career</i>
Daniel Molony	1890-96	1902	Dublin	P.P. Donnybrook +1950
Thomas Molony	1892-98	1904	Leeds	P.P. Sheffield +1968
Michael Dwyer	1890-96	1903	Dublin	P.P. Beechwood Avenue +1940
Joseph Dwyer	1890-94	1901	Dublin	P.P. Glasnevin +1953
Thomas Farrell	1892-98	1907	Dublin	P.P. Dolphin's Barn +1940
Percy McGough	1893-96	1905	Dublin	P.P. Harold's Cross +1954
Paul Rafter	1893-99	1911	Dublin	P.P. Dalkey +1967
Michael Murphy	1894-99	1907	Dublin	P.P. Iona Rd +1945
Francis Molony	1900-10	1916	Dublin	+1918
Henry O'Neill	1903-09	1922	C.P.	Fr Gerard. Mount Argus +1957
Ernest Farrell	1904-10	1917	Dublin	P.P. Harold's Cross +1957
Herbert Farrell	1902-08	1918	C.S.Sp.	Kenya. Ireland +1973
Joseph Furlong	1905-09	1917	Dublin	P.P. Kilcullen +1971
John McGlade	1907-09	1916	C.S.Sp.	USA. +1973
John McLaughlin	1910-16	1922	Dublin	P.P. Celbridge +1966
Henry Brodie	1906-14	1921	C.P.	P.P. South Wales +
Austin Tierney	1909-14	1922	C.P.	Editor The Cross +1960
Gerard Cussen	1910-16	1923	O.P.	Provincial +
Francis Russell	1914-16	1925	C.S.S.R.	Limerick + 1956
Joseph Byrne	1913-16	1922	C.R.L.	Launceston +1977
Edwin Russell	1913-16	1921	Plymouth	P.P. Totnes +1971
Conal K. Murphy	1910-16	1939	S.J.	War Chaplain, Retreats +
Matthew McMahon	1898-01	1904	Dublin	Lay Professor Archdeacon +

Post-1926

Edward Colleton	1926-29	1940	C.S.Sp.	Kenya. Canada
Richard Quigley	1926-29	1938	Dublin	Haddington Rd. +
John Branagan	1926-32	1942	C.S.Sp.	Kenya Kimmage
Desmond Schlegel	1926-31	1938	O.S.B.	Quarr Abbey. IOW
Lorcan Foley	1927-37	1944	Dublin	P.P. Glasthule
Gerald A. Healy	1927-29	1942	Dublin	P.P. James' St Canon
Vincent Keogh	1929-30	1937	Dublin	+
Gerard B. Healy	1929-31	1945	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria Achonry. +1976
Thomas Reynolds	1931-35	1947	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria +1948
Gerard O'Brien	1931-38	1950	O.C.R.	Nunraw South Wales
Gearoid O'Sullivan	1936-38	1950	C.M.	UCC. Lecturer
Francis Leahy	1934-36	1949	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Blackrock
Thomas Byrne	1934-42	1952	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Templeogue
Dermot Browne	1935-36	1945	C.S.Sp.	Sierra Leone. Dublin
Cyril Byrne	1935-42	1953	C.S.Sp.	Tanganyika. St Mary's
Cothraighe Gogan	1935-44	1954	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Kenya.
Gerard Gogan	1935-45	1953	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Australia.
Vincent Keogh	1936-43	1944	C.S.Sp.	Templeogue
Thomas Maguire	1936-46	1955	C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Canada.
Kevin Searson	1936-46		Brother of Charity	Br Malachy

Vincent Stubbs	1937-40	1947
Raymond Kennedy	1937-38	1954
John Leahy	1937-42	1949
Patrick Seery	1938-43	1950
William Maher	1939-40	1950
John Farrell	1940-43	1953
Patrick Pearson	1940-42	1952
Jarlath Dowling	1940-42	1959
Brian Crookes	1941-45	1953
Patrick Power	1941-42	1949
Patrick O'Reilly	1942-47	1958
William Fitzgerald	1942-46	1957
Anthony Geoghegan	1942-48	1957
Vincent O'Grady	1942-50	1958
Michael Duffy	1949-50	1956
Colum Murray	1942-51	1959
Brian Gogan	1942-52	1961
Austin Healy	1942-51	1962
Bernard Kelly	1942-50	1962
Brian O'Rourke	1943-50	1961
John Gilsenan	1943-53	1956
Denis Kinsella	1943-44	1950
Peter Byrne	1943-53	1959
Gerard Tannam	1944-47	1957
John Kavanagh	1944-47	1953
Savino Agnoli	1944-50	1961
Patrick Fitzpatrick	1944-52	1963
Noel Banahan	1945-53	1962
Patrick Dowling	1946-53	1961
Philip Corcoran	1946-54	1961
Patrick Shiel	1946-52	1960
Patrick Carroll	1947-52	1966
Conleth Curley	1947-49	1961
John Flavin	1947-55	1964
Paul Her. Reynolds	1947-56	1963
Patrick Reynolds	1933-37	
Brian McLaughlin	1948-58	1967
Heber McMahon	1949-60	1967
Michael McGlade	1950-59	1968
Noel O'Meara	1951-55	1965
Anthony Sheridan	1951-59	1972
Patrick Connolly	1952-62	1972
John Keating	1953-58	1965
Michael McGregor	1953-57	1965
Edward Quinn	1953-59	1965
Robert Murphy	1954-60	1966
Patrick Cullen	1953-59	1969
Dermot Burke	1953-60	1966
John Ward	1954-55	1962
Denis Horgan	1954-57	1964
Paul Corrigan	1955-62	1970
Brian Horgan	1956-65	1972
David Sullivan	1959-64	1978
Denis Hooper	1965-72	
Donal Davis	1967-73	1980
Brendan Largey	1972-78	1984
Gary Byrne	1973-80	1987
Gareth Byrne	1971-79	1985

Five members of Opus Dei Prelature

Capetown	P.P.
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. England.
Dublin	P.P. Killester
Dublin	P.P. Ayrfield
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Papua New Guinea.
C.S.Sp.	Trinidad. Blackrock
Southwark	P.P. Sheerness
C.S.Sp.	Sierra Leone. Blackrock
Corpus Christi	Texas
Mill Hill Fathers	London
Dublin	Kiltegan Fathers
Dublin	RTE Religious Broadcasts
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Kimmage
C.S.Sp.	St Mary's. Rome
C.S.C.	Columban. Philippines
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. England +1990
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. "Outlook"
C.S.Sp.	Sierra Leone.
C.S.Sp.	Canada.
C.S.Sp.	Kenya. Blackrock
Wichita	Monsignor
O.C.R.	Fr Nivard, Roscrea
O.S.A.	John's Lane Provincial Superior
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Canada
Wichita	P.P.
C.S.Sp.	Nigeria. Ghana
C.S.Sp.	Canada
C.S.Sp.	Brazil Puerto Rica +1991
O.S.B.	Ampleforth. St Louis
Dublin	C.C. Castleknock
Dublin	C.C. Marino
C.S.Sp.	USA
Dublin	C.C. Athy
C.S.Sp.	Sierra Leone. Templeogue
Birmingham, Alabama	
O.S.B.	New Mexico
C.S.Sp.	Brazil Provincial Superior
Dublin	Dun Laoghaire
Arundel & Brighton Diocese	
C.S.Sp.	Brazil. Rome
C.S.Sp.	Ethiopia. Brazil
S.M.A.	Cairo
O.Carm.	Gort Mhuire
O.C.R.	Mellifont
O.M.I.	Birmingham
O.P.	Newbridge
Birmingham, Alabama	
Hexham	Tyne & Wear
Dublin	C.C. Marley Grange
O.P.	
Legion of Christ	Rome
O.P.	
W.F.	Uganda
O.S.B.	Glenstal
O.C.R.	Mount Mellaray
O.F.M.	Galway +1986
Monterey	Calif.
Dublin	Rome

Appendix Four

Presidents of Past Pupils' Union 1927-1990

The chain of office worn by the President of the revived Past Pupils' Union has five stars, on the back of which are engraved the names of the Presidents of the Union since its revival in 1927. The chain was presented to the Union by Rev Ernest R. Farrell, in 1933. The original star was edged in blue and there is also a large medallion which hangs from the first star and it bears the crest of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost.

1926-27	James C. O'Brien	1958-59	K. F. G. Purcell
1927-28	Raymond J. Mulloy	1959-60	K. F. G. Purcell
1928-29	William P. Blunden	1960-61	Dermot L. Sullivan
1929-30	Dr James B. Magennis	1961-62	Lorcan C. Gogan
1930-31	Dr James B. Magennis	1962-63	Michael J. MacCormac
1931-32	Rev E. R. S. Farrell, C.C.	1963-64	John H. Harbison
1932-33	Rev E. R. S. Farrell, C.C.	1964-65	Denis J. Coveney
1933-34	Vincent Becker	1965-66	Patrick W. Redmond
1934-35	Arthur O'Reilly	1966-67	Thomas B. Kearns
1935-36	Gerald E. Condell	1967-68	Gerald K. Boyd
1936-37	John G. Gogan	1968-69	Patrick J. Condon
1937-38	Francis A. Purcell	1969-70	Sean O'Byrne
1938-39	Dr James F. O'Grady	1970-71	Joseph Fanagan
1939-40	Peter J. Nugent	1971-72	Conor McCarthy
1940-41	William Fanagan	1972-73	Timothy Brooder
1941-42	Dr Patrick J. Gaffney	1973-74	Reginald Redmond
1942-43	Seamus Ó Bráonain	1974-75	Thomas Lynch
1943-44	Louis J. O'Reilly	1975-76	John Hughes
1944-45	Louis J. O'Reilly	1976-77	Patrick Fearon
1945-46	Thomas A. Tierney	1977-78	Fred Cogley
1946-47	Alfred P. Faulkner	1978-79	Patrick Funge
1947-48	Charles M. Wilson	1979-80	Desmond White
1948-49	Charles M. Wilson	1980-81	Matthew Gilsenan
1949-50	Andrew P. Boland	1981-82	Christopher Maguire
1950-51	Andrew P. Boland	1982-83	Douglas Thornton
1951-52	Robert N. Pidgeon	1983-84	Brian Whelan
1952-53	Robert N. Pidgeon	1984-85	Enda Hession
1953-54	Dermot P. Smyth	1985-86	Eamonn Fitzgerald
1954-55	Patrick Nolan	1986-87	Brian Cotter
1955-56	John J. Walker	1987-88	Jim Murray
1956-57	Anthony Dudley	1988-89	Bernard Moran
1957-58	Patrick J. Tierney	1989-90	Frank Dowling

Appendix Five

Representative Honours in Rugby 1890-1990

*Capped as a member of St Mary's College RFC, but not a past pupil

† Not in club when honoured

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Clarke, J. A. B.

E 1924; S 1922;24; W 1922;24; F 1922;23
(Bective R.)

Cunningham, Vincent

E It 1988

Dean, Paul

SA/SA 1981; A 81/82; A E S W F 84/85; F W 85/86;
Rom E S F W 86/87 Japan 85/86
World Cup: A W 86/87; S F W E E 87/88; W. Sam.
It. F W 88/89

Deering, Shay

W 1974; F W E S 76; W E 77; NZ 78
(Garryowen, SMC)

*Feighery, Tom

W E 1977

*Fitzgerald, Ciaran

Aus 1979; F W E S 80; F W E S 82;
F E S W 83; F W A 84; S W E F 85; Japan 85
F E S W 86;

*Grace, Tom

F E 1972; E S W NZ 1973; E S P Nz 74; NZ E S W
75; A F W E S NZ 76;
W E S F 77; S 1978
(UCD; St. Mary's)

Hickie, Denis

E S W F 1971; F E 1972

Kelly, James

F W 1962; F E S W NZ 63; E S W F 1964
(St. Mary's, UCD, Garryowen)

Kennedy, Terry

NZ 1978; Aus F W E 79; E F S W 80;
SA Aus 1981

Lynch, Sean

E S W F 71; F E F 72; NZ E S W 73;
F W E S P NZ 1974

Moloney, Johnny

F E F 72; NZ E S W F 73; W S E F P NZ 74; E
F S W 75; S 76; S E W F 78; Aus.79; S W 1980

Norton, George

F E S W 1949; F W E S 50; F S E 51
(Bective R.)

O'Donnell, Rodney

Aus 1979; S F W 1980

Roddy, Patrick J.

S 1920

(Bective R.) F 1920

Ward, Tony

S F W E NZ 78 ; F W E S 79; W E S A 81; E 83;
E S 84; S 86
(St. Mary's, Garryowen, Greystones)

IRELAND "B" INTERNATIONALS (Began 1975)

Aherne, Declan

E 1982; S 1984

Cunningham, Vincent

Arg. 1990

Dean, Paul

E 1980

Fanning, Declan

S 1983 (Capt.); S 1984 (Capt.)

*Feighery, Tom

F 1975; F 1976

*Fitzgerald, Ciaran

F 1976; S 1977 (Capt.)

*McGuire, Hugh

E 1980

*O'Regan, Alex

E 1982

Ward, A. J. P.

F 1976; S 1977

U-25 INTERNATIONAL

Cunningham, Vincent

USA 1990

U-23 INTERNATIONAL

O'Donnell, Rodney

Holland 1979

U-21 INTERNATIONAL

Lavin, Gary

Italy 1988/89

* Philip Kenny 1989/90

BRITISH & IRISH LIONS

Dean, Paul

Aus 1989

*Fitzgerald, Ciaran
 NZ 1983 (Capt.)
 *Grace, Tom
 S.A. 1974
 Lynch, Sean
 A NZ 1971;
 Moloney, Johnny
 S.A. 1974
 Norton, George
 (Bective) A NZ 1950
 O'Donnell, Rodney
 S.A. 1980
 Ward, Tony (Garryowen)
 S.A. 1974

SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONALS

Cotter, Brian
 1990
 Cross, Gerry
 E W 1983
 Cunningham, Vincent
 W 1985
 Dean, Paul
 W E A 1977; E S 1978
 †Dowling, Derek
 E S 1981; A W S 1982
 Foley, Conor
 S W 1985
 Hoey, Andrew
 A 1986
 Lavin, Gary
 1988; 1989
 Lynch, David
 S W 1985
 McDonnell, Philip
 E A 1977; E S 1978 (Capt.)
 O'Kelly, Niall
 1988
 †Potts, Kevin
 Nz S W 1985
 †Quaid, Michael
 E 1975
 Tracey, Stephen
 1986; 1987

U-16 INTERNATIONAL SEVENS

Bennett, David
 1976/77

CAPTAINS OF IRELAND

Deering, Shay
 1978
 Fanning, Declan
 "B" 84; "B" 85
 *Fitzgerald Ciaran
 "B" 77; 78; Japan; Fiji 1985
 1982 - 1986
 *Grace, Tom
 1976; 1977
 Kelly, Jimmy
 1962
 Moloney, Johnny
 1977/78; 78/79

INTERNATIONAL SUBS

Carmody, Ned 1966
 Cunningham, Vincent 1988; 1989
 *Fitzgerald, Ciaran 1978
 Lynch, Sean 1970
 Moloney, Johnny 1971
 Ward, Tony 1983; 1984

WARTIME INTERNATIONALS

Coveney, Terry
 S 1946

SCOTLAND/IRELAND v ENGLAND/WALES

*Grace, Tom
 1972; 1974
 Moloney, John
 1970; 1972; 1974
 Ward, Tony
 1980

WARTIME SENIOR INTERPROVINCIALS

Bergin, Thomas
 U 1942; M C 1943
 Coveney, Terence
 U 1943; 44; 45; M 1943; 44; C 1943; 44; 44; 45
 *Lehane, Richard
 U C 1942
 *McMahon, Francis
 U C 1941
 *Meehan, Peter
 U C 1941; U 1942
 *Meehan, William
 C 1943
 Smyth, Dermot
 M 1941; 42

SENIOR INTERPROVINCIAL CAPS

*Ahearne, Declan
 84/85; 85/86
 Andreucetti, Paul
 71/72; 72/73; 73/74; 79/80; 80/81; 81/82
 Carmody, Edward
 60/61; 61/62; 62/63
 *Clancy, Colm
 48/49
 Clarke, Joseph A. B.
 20/21; 21/22; 22/23; 23/24
 (Bective Rangers)
 Cooke, Sean
 60/61; 66/67
 Corrigan, Kevin
 69/70; 71/72
 Corrigan, Maurice
 48/49
 Culhane, Charles P.
 19/20 (Bective Rangers)
 Cunningham, Vincent
 86/87; 87/88; 88/89; 89/90

Dean, Paul
79/80; 80/81; 81/82; 82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 85/86;
86/87; 87/88

Deering, Seamus
68/69; 69/70; 70/71; 71/72; 72/73; 78/79 (Garryowen;
SMC)

Fanagan, Joseph
57/58; 59/60

Fanning, Declan
79/80; 80/81; 81/82; 82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 85/86; 86/87;
87/88; 88/89; 89/90

Farrell, Ernest R. S.
1911/12; 1912/13 (Picked, unable to play)

*Feighery, Thomas
73/74; 75/76; 76/77

*Fitzgerald, Ciaran
72/73; 76/77; 77/78; 78/79; 79/80; 80/81; 81/82; 82/83;
83/84; 84/85; 85/86; 86/87 (UCG; SMC)

Glynn, Michael
76/77

*Grace, Thomas
68/69; 70/71; 71/72; 72/73; 73/74; 74/75; 75/76; 76/77;
77/78 (UCD; SMC)

*Hernan, R
85/86

Hickie, Anthony
62/63; 66/67; 67/68; 73/74

Hickie, Denis
63/64; 65/66; 66/67; 67/68; 69/70; 70/71; 71/72; 73/74;
74/75; 75/76

Horne, Junius
56/57; 57/58

Howard, Declan
80/81; 82/83; 83/84

Kearns, Thomas A.
66/67

Kelly, James
59/60; 60/61; 62/63; 63/64; 66/67; 67/68

Kennedy, Francis
76/77

Kennedy, Terence
78/79; 79/80; 80/81; 81/82; 82/83; 83/84; 86/87

*Kos, Bela
63/64

Lynch, Sean
69/70; 70/71; 71/72; 72/73; 73/74; 74/75; 75/76; 76/77;
77/78; 78/79

*Mannion, Jack
80/81; 82/83; 83/84

*McCarthy, Noel
85/86; 86/87; 87/88; 88/89; 89/90

McGovern, Vincent
55/56

*McGuire, Hugh
78/79; 79/80; 80/81; 81/82; 82/83; 83/84

McShane, James
84/85

Meehan, Fergus
69/70

Moloney, John
68/69; 69/70; 70/71; 71/72; 73/74; 74/75; 77/78;
78/79; 79/80

Murphy, Henry
70/71; 71/72 (UCD)

*Moloughney, Dermot
63/64; 64/65

Murray, William
60/61

Norton, George
47/48; 48/49; 49/50 (Bective Rangers)

O'Connor, John
82/83

O'Donnell, Rodney
78/79; 79/80

*O'Dwyer, Edward
65/66

*O'Leary, Phelim
60/61

O'Neill, T.
66/67

*O'Regan, Alex
82/83; 83/84; 84/85

*Quaid, Michael
80/81; 81/82

Roddy, Patrick
19/20 (Bective Rangers)

*Smyth, Ciaran
78/79

Sweeney, James B.
72/73; 73/74

*Tarpey, Michael
85/86; 86/87; 87/88

Ward, Anthony P. K.
77/78; 78/79; 79/80; 81/82; 82/83; 83/84 (Garryowen,
SMC, Greystones)

Wigglesworth, Edward
71/72; 73/74

*Young, Terence
69/70

JUNIOR INTERPROVINCIAL CAPS

Ahearne, B
1984

Brennan, Seamus
1901 (First ever junior interpro)

Browne, Barry
1911/12

Browne, John
1960

Cotter, Brian
1963

*Delaney, Kevin
1901 (First ever junior interpro)

*Dowling, Derek
1984

Egan, Carl
1984

Fanagan, Jody
1984

Foley, Ron
1971/72

*Garth, Jonathan
1984

Hayden, Richard
1911 (First ever jun. interp. v Muns)

*Hook, George
69/70; 70/71; 71/72

Howard, Declan
1978/79

Kavanagh, Eugene
1978/79
Kinahan, John
1971/72
Lawlor, Tom
1960
Lynch, Michael J.
1909/10
*Meehan, Peter
1939/40
Mulcahy, C. J.
1905
Mullan, Donal
1960
Naughton, Liam
1968/69; 69/70
O'Conaill, Ciaran
1970/71
O'Donnell, Rodney
1978/79
O'Hare, George
1903
Quigley, Dermot
1984
Reddy, James
1905
Ryan, Conor
1978/79
Smyth, Dermot P.
1939/40

PROVINCE VERSUS TOURING COUNTRIES

Andreucetti, Paul
(L) NZ 1972; 74; Fiji 73; Arg 78; Rom. 79
Coveney, Terry
(L) Kiwis 1946
Cunningham, Vincent
(L) NZ 1989
Dean, Paul
(L) Rom. 1979; Qld 1986
Deering, Shay
(M) NZ 1973; 1974; Aus. 1976; (L) Arg. 1978
Fanning, Declan
(L) Qld 1986
*Grace, Tom
(L) NZ 1972; 1974; Fiji 1973
Hickie, Tony
(L) Aus. 1966
Hickie, Denis
(L) Aus. 1966; NZ 1974
Horne, Junius
(L) Aus. 1957
Kelly, Jimmy
(L) NZ 1964; Aus. 1966
Kennedy, Terry
(L) Arg. 1978
Lynch, Sean
(L) NZ 1972; 74; Fiji 1973
Moloney, Johnny
(L) NZ 1972; 74; Fiji 1973; Arg. 1978
*McCarthy, Noel
(C) 85/86; NZ 1989
*O'Beirne, Sean
(C) NZ 1989

Ward, Tony
(M) Aus. 1976; NZ 1978

DUBLIN/LEINSTER VERSUS U.K. TOURING TEAMS

Andreucetti, Paul
Llanelli 1978
Carmody, Ned
Cheshire 1962
Corrigan, Maurice
Br. Army 1948
Coveney, Terry
Cardiff 1947
Cunningham, Vincent
Sth. Scot.; Llanelli 1987
Deering, Shay
Llanelli 1978
*Feighery, Tom
Llanelli 1976; 78
*Grace, Tom
Llanelli 1976; 77
Hickie, Denis
Cheshire 1965
Kelly, Jimmy (UCD)
Cheshire 1962; 63
Kennedy, Terry
Llanelli 1978; Romania 1979
*Kos, Bela
Cheshire 1963
Moloney, Johnny
Llanelli 1977; 78; Romania 1979
Norton, George (Bective)
Br. Army 1948

DUBLIN/LEINSTER VERSUS FRENCH TEAMS

Andreucetti, Paul
Paris 1971; 72, Perpignan 1978
Carmody, Ned
Pyrenees 1960; 61; 62
Cooke, Sean
Pyrenees 1966
Deering, Shay
Pyrenees 1967; Armagnac 1968; Toulon 1970
*Feighery, Tom
Brive 1969; Toulon 1969; Toulouse 1966
*Grace, Tom
Toulon 1969; 70, (UCD; SMC) Brive 1969, Cote de
Basque 1973, Perpignan 1976; 77
Hickie, Tony
(UCD) Pyrenees 1963; 65; 67
Hickie, Denis
Pyrenees 1963; 65; 66; 67, Cote de Basque 1973,
Toulon 1970, Brive 1969
Kelly, Jimmy
Pyrenees 1959; 62; 63; 64; 67 (UCD; SMC)
Kennedy, Frank
Perpignan 1976; 78
*Kos, Bela
Pyrenees 1963; 64
Lynch, Sean
Pyrenees 1965; 66, Brive 1969, Toulouse 1969; 70, Cote
de Basque 1973, Paris 1971; 72

Moloney, Johnny
 Paris 1971, Cote de Basque 1973, Perpignan 1976; 77;
 78, Toulon 1970
 Murphy, Henry
 (UCD) Toulon 1970
 Norton, George
 Paris 1949 (Bective R.)
 O'Dwyer, E
 Pyrenees 1965
 Wigglesworth, Eddie
 Paris 1971
 *Young, Terry
 Brive 1969 Toulon 1969; 70

U-19 LEINSTER REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Andreucetti, Paul 1970/71
 Barry, Charlie 1976/77; 1977/78
 Coughlan, David 1976/77; 1977/78
 Dean, Paul 1978/79
 Foley, Conor 1985/86; 1986/87
 Greene, J. 1976/77
 Grissing, Liam 1970/71
 Hooper, David 1973/74
 Jennings, Derek 1969/70
 Kavanagh, Eugene 1976/77
 Lynch, T. 1970/71
 McDonnell, Philip 1978/79 (Capt.)
 Moloney, Johnny 1968/69 (Capt.)
 Naughton, Liam (UCD) 1968/69
 O'Brien, M. 1970/71
 *Potts, Colin 1987/88
 *Potts, Kevin 1984/84; 84/85
 Rossi, Stephen 1987/88
 Sweeney, C 1970/71
 Thorne, Mark 1988/89
 Tracey, Stephen 1987/88
 Wall, David 1987/88
 *Whelan, Andrew 1979/80; 1980/81 (Capt.)
 Whelan, Paul 1987/88
 Wigglesworth, Eddie 1970/71; 1971/72
 *Young, Terry

U-20 LEINSTER REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Carvill, Kieran 1988/89; 1989/90
 Cunningham, Vincent 1986/87
 Carville, J. 85/86
 Dolan, Fergus 1989/90
 *Hernan, Ray 1985/86; (UCD, St. Mary's)
 Foley, Ron 1974
 Howard, Declan 1977; 1978
 Kavanagh, Anthony 1987
 Kavanagh, Eugene 1978
 Kinahan, John 1974
 O'Donnell, Rodney 1977; 1978
 *Potts, Kevin 1985/86
 Tracey, Stephen 1987/88
 Wall, David 1988/89

U-21 LEINSTER INTERPROVINCIALS

Andreucetti, Paul 1969/70; 1970/71
 Byrne, D. 1969/70
 *Hernan, Ray 85/86

Jennings, Derek 1969/70; 1970/71
 Naughton, Liam 1969/70; 1970/71
 *Potts, K. 85/86
 Wigglesworth, Eddie 1970/71

WOLFHOUSES

*Dowling, Derek 1986
 Moloney, Johnny 1969; 1970

BARBARIANS

Hickie, Denis 1971/72
 Lynch, Sean 1970/71
 Moloney, Johnny 1971/72

SCHOOLBOY INTERPROVINCIALS

Andreucetti, Paul 1969/70
 Aylward, Gerry 1969/70
 Bailey, Robin 1964/65; 1965/66
 Barnwell, P. 1975/76
 Boylan, Peter 1966/67
 Browne, B. J. 1911/12
 Byrne, David 1965/66
 Byrne, Norman 1986/87
 Caffrey, J. 1968/69 (Capt.); 1967/68
 Clarke, Joseph 1908/09
 Cogley, Fred 1950/51
 Corrigan, John 1949/50
 Cotter, Brian 1960/61
 Cotter, Brian Jr. 1989/90
 Cross, Gerry 1982/83
 Culhane, Charles P. 1912/13; 1913/14
 Culhane, Francis C. 1911/12
 Cunningham, Vincent 1985/86
 Dean, Paul 1976/77; 1977/78
 Deering, Kevin 1970/71; 1971/72 (Capt.)
 Deering, Shay 1964/65; 1965/66
 Doddy, P. 1963/64
 Fanning, Declan 1973/74
 Foley, Ron 1964/65; 1965/66
 Glynn, Michael 1963/64 (Connaught)
 Gogan, Brian 1950/51
 Grissing, Liam 1969/70; 1970/71 (Connaught)
 Hickie, Anthony 1960/61; 1961/62 (Capt.)
 Hickie, Denis 1960/61
 Hoey, Andrew 1985/86
 Hooper, Michael 1960/61
 Kelly, Jimmy 1957/58
 Kennedy, Terry 1976/77
 Keogh, P. 1966/67 (Connaught)
 Lavin, Gary 1987/88; 1988/89
 Lawson, Conor 1960/61
 Lynch, Michael J. 1906/07
 McCarthy, Matthew 1988/89
 McDonnell, John 1964/65 (Connaught)
 McDonnell, Philip 1976/77; 1977/78 (Capt.)
 McGovern, Vinnie 1950/51 (Capt.)
 McLaughlin, Michael 1988/89
 Moloney, G. 1963/64
 Moloney, Johnny 1965/66; 1966/67 (Capt.)
 Mullaney, C. 1965/66; 1966/67 (Connaught) (Capt.)
 Mulvey, Shay 1974/75; 1975/76 (Capt.)
 Murphy, Henry 1965/66
 Murphy, William 1913/14
 Murray, Kilian 1984/85

Naughton, Liam 1967/68
 O'Connell, Ciaran 1968/69
 O'Connell, J. 1981/82
 O'Connor, Ulick 1945/46 (Connaught)
 O'Donnell, Rodney 1973/74
 O'Hagan, Gerry 1963/64; 1964/65 (Connaught)
 O'Kelly, Niall 1987/88
 Opperman, Paul 1973/74
 Roddy, Patrick 1912/13
 Rossi, Stephen 1986/87
 Shiel, Anthony 1957/58
 Smyth, Greg 1966/67
 Tracey, Stephen 1985/86; 1986/87
 Wall, David 1986/87;
 Wigglesworth, Eddie 1969/70

SCHOOL TROPHIES

Leinster Senior Schools Cup
 (1887) 1961; 1966; 1969
 Leinster Junior Schools Cup
 (1909) 1934; 1963; 1971; 1974
 Leinster Senior Seconds League
 (1967) 1976
 Leinster Schools Junior Plate
 (1985) 1986; 1989
 CSSp. Provincial's (U-13) Cup
 (1929) 1931/32; 40/41; 41/42; 42/43; 43/44; 44/45;
 48/49; 50/51 51/52; 56/57; 57/58; 63/64; 69/70; 71/72;
 78/79; 88/89

ST MARY'S RFC TROPHIES WON

All-Ireland IRFU Centenary Club Championship
 1975
 Leinster Senior Challenge Cup
 (1882) 1958; 69; 71; 74; 75; 87
 Leinster Senior League
 (1971/72) 1971/72; 77/78; 79/80; 86/87
 Leinster Junior Cup
 (1889) 1905; 1907; 1908; 1911
 Leinster Metropolitan Cup
 (1922) 1940; 41; 53; 70; 71; 78; 85
 Junior 1 League
 (1896) 1909; 10; 78; 83; 86
 Albert O'Connell Cup
 (1959) 1962; 64; 73; 78; 80; 85
 Junior 2 League
 (1907) 1910; 40; 49; 63; 80; 81; 88
 Moran Cup
 (1949) 1949; 50; 79; 82; 89
 Junior 3 League
 (1966) 1979; 82; 86; 87; 89
 Col. Winters Cup
 (1963) 1963; 78; 89
 Junior 4 League
 (1977) 1978; 82; 84; 89
 James O'Connor Cup
 (1965) 1976; 77; 79; 82
 Junior 5 League – Tom Fox Memorial Cup
 (1971) 1977
 Junior 6 League – Greenlea Cup
 (1972) 1978; 79; 86
 Guilfoyle (J 8) Cup
 1978; 79; 80; 82; 83

Mc Corry (U-19) Cup
 (1970) 1970
 Blackrock Castle Trophy
 (1966) 1971; 72; 77; 80
 Des Merrey (U-21) Cup
 (1974/75) 1976/77
 Old Belvedere Sevens
 (1971) 1978; 79
 Karl Mullen Sevens
 (1972) 1972; 78
 Keating Cup Sevens
 (1953) 1959; 63; 65; 66; 68; 76; 77
 Nth. Kildare Sevens
 1959; 60; 65; 68; 69; 74; 75; 76; 77; 79; 80
 Galwegians Blake Sevens
 1978; 79; 81
 Arklow President's Shield
 1985
 Old Wesley Festival
 1987
 N. Ireland Sevens (Graham Cup)
 1958
 C.Y.M.S. Sevens
 1959
 Cliff House Cup
 1963; 70; 71
 J. B. Roche League Winners Cup
 1972 (v. Cork Const.)
 Skerries Sevens
 1977
 Omagh Academical Sevens
 1978

FOREIGN TOURS BY CLUB

1954	Italy
1970/71	Scotland
1971/72	France
1976/77	Devon
1977/78	Russia
1978/79	California
1979/80	Jersey Is. (J 7 & 8)
	Holland (J 2)
	Sicily
1981/82	Canada
1988/89	Italy

IRFU OFFICIALS

Presidents: Leinster Branch

Rev. E. R. S. Farrell P.P. 1951-52
 D. P. Smyth 1965-66
 P. J. Bolger 1979-80

Honorary Treasurer: Leinster Branch

Gerald K. Boyd 1965-1980
 Patrick J. Bolger 1980-1990

LEINSTER BRANCH REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Year elected to A.R.L.B.

D. Campion 1988/89
P. Donnelly 1983/84
P. Farrell 1979/80
Patk. Farrell 1966/67
J. Finucane 1966/67
E. French 1969/70
J. Gallagher 1982/83
M. Gilsenan 1965/66 – International Panel 1969/70
P. Gogan 1966/67
M. Johnson 1979/80
T. Kearns 1959/60 - Interpro Panel 1961
International Panel 1965/66; Committee 1979/80; Vice
President 1982/83; President 1983/84
V. McGovern 1960/61
C. Maguire 1966/67
T. B. Moran 1988/89
D. Nagle 1979/80
N. O'Meara 1976/77

IRISH "BIG FIVE" SELECTORS

Smyth, Dermot P. 1960/61; 65/66; 66/67; 67/68
Fanagan, Joseph P. 1973/74; 74/75; 75/76

LEINSTER BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

Bolger, Patrick A. 1976-90; Pres. 78/79;
Hon. Tr. 80-90
Boyd, Gerald K. 1960-80; Hon. Tr. 64/80;
Fanagan, Joseph P. 1968- 1976
Farrell, Rev. E. R. S. 1940-1957; Pres. 51/52
McGovern, Vincent 1980-1990
Murphy, P. 1911-1916
Smyth, Dermot P. 1959-1966; Pres. 65/66

IRISH COACHES

*Fitzgerald, Ciaran U-25; U-21 1989/90
Moloney, John U-25; U-21 1989/90

LEINSTER COACHES

Carmody, Ned U-21 – 1971/72; U-19 – 1970/71/72
*Hook, George U-19 – 1975/76/77
Moloney, Johnny U-20 – 1985/90

IRISH TOURS

Andreucetti, Paul
Aus. 1979
Cunningham, Vincent
Fr. 1988
Dean, Paul
S.A. 1981; Jap. 1985;
Deering, Shay
Arg. 1970/71 (Picked but could not travel)
*Feighery, Tom
NZ Fiji 1975/76
*Fitzgerald, Ciaran
Aus. 1979; Jap. 85 (Capt.)
*Grace, Tom
Arg 1970; NZ Fiji 1975/76 (Capt.)
Hickie, Denis
Aus 1967 Arg 1970/71
Kennedy, Terry
Aus. 1979; S.A. 1981
Lynch, Sean
Arg. 1970/71; Aus. 1979
Moloney, Johnny
Arg. 1970/71; Aus. 1979
Murphy, Henry
Arg. 1970/71
O'Donnell, Rodney
Aus. 1979
Ward, Tony
Aus. 1979

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CSSp Provincial Archives, Dublin
CSSp St Mary's College Archives
CSSp Blackrock College Archives
CSSp Rockwell College Archives
Missionary Annals, Kimmage Manor
National Library of Ireland,
Dublin Diocesan Archives
Dublin City Archives, Mary Clarke
Gilbert Library, Pearse St, Dublin
Catholic Library, Dublin
Dublin Diocesan Library
Dublin City Libraries, Newspaper files
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